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MARCONI SPLIT OLYMPIAKOS OVER RASIC

By PETER SCOTT

Seven of the nine members of Marconi's soccer committee resigned last week in the latest incident of a three-year battle for control of the club's football activities.

The catalyst for the dramatic split is the question of whether manager-coach Rale Rasic should be re-appointed for 1979.

The president of Marconi's soccer section, Tony Labbozzetta, claimed his com-

mittee was overruled in its decision to dispense with the services of Rasic and his assistant, Jim Fraser.

Heddergott to coach

Karl-Heinz Heddergott, the director of coaching for West Germany, will conduct a coaching session at Olympic Park, Melbourne, at 7.30 pm on Friday.

Players, junior and senior coaches and others interested in soccer are invited to attend.

Heddergott is one of the world's foremost authorities on coaching.

He arrived in Australia early this week and was in Perth and Adelaide on his way to Melbourne.

He will also spend time in Sydney and Brisbane.

"The club's board of directors has apparently decided to fight us on these issues," he said last weekend.

"We made recommendations, based on what we felt were valid reasons, that Rasic should not be retained next year, but they chose to ignore us."

The president of Club Marconi, Angelo Bagatella, said the soccer committee had no authority to dispense with the services of Rasic and Fraser.

"They know that only the board has the right to hire and fire," Mr Bagatella said.

He revealed that Rasic was notified by the soccer committee before the end of the season that he would not be employed by the club in 1979.

Upon learning this, the board advised Rasic to ignore the committee's decision and similar action was taken in Fraser's case.

"The soccer association at Marconi was formed, and money allocated to it, to run our teams efficiently," Mr Bagatella said.

"After last week's resignations they are not doing the job any more and I want to

see soccer brought under the control of the board of directors again.

"Failing that, I can see us drifting apart and Marconi being divided into two clubs in the future.

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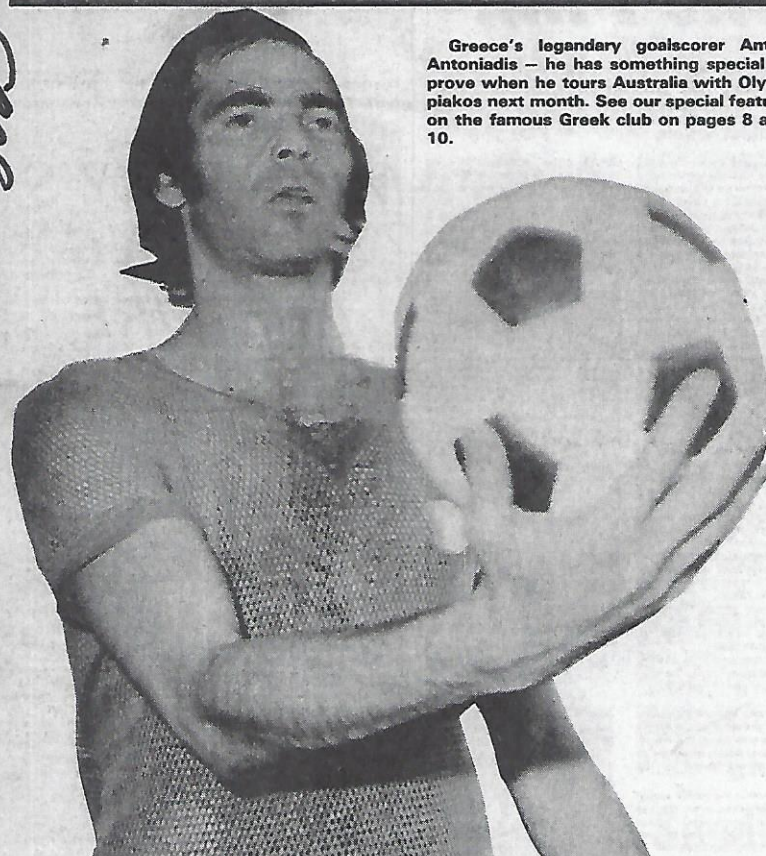
Watkiss v. Abonyi

Former Socceroo team mates Art Abonyi and Johnny Watkiss are plotting each other's downfall this week as Sydney Croatia and Sutherland prepare for a clash that promises to be a fitting climax to the N.S.W. season.

Abonyi's Croatia, champion of the State League, is after revenge against Watkiss's Sutherland, which humbled Croatia 4-1 in a semi-final two weeks ago.

Watkiss' men were given a warning when Croatia dumped Melita Eagles 3-0 last week to earn the right to play off in the grand final (see page 16).

However, in Watkiss, Sutherland has the experience to cause another upset. Abonyi, Ian Stone and Maurice Sullivan are Croatia's danger men, and the grand final should be one of the most exciting games seen in the State League this season.



Greece's legendary goalscorer Anton Antoniadis — he has something special to prove when he tours Australia with Olympiakos next month. See our special feature on the famous Greek club on pages 8 and 10.

It's do or die for Preston and the Cross

Preston and George Cross face do-or-die matches in the second round of the Victorian State League Cup at Olympic Park this Sunday.

If the two first round losers don't turn the tables and collect two points, they will both be out of the running for a place in the final.

Preston must beat old enemy Essendon Croatia to keep alive its chances, while George Cross meets Hakoah St Kilda, which recorded a shock 4-1 over Preston in the first round.

But while two teams are fighting elimination, the other two have the chance of cementing berths in the final.

Hakoah and Croatia have two points each. If both teams win on Sunday, they will move into unassailable positions at the top of the ladder and play off in the final.

But if one, or both, of the first round winners go down in the second round, the finalists won't be known until the completion of the third and final round.

Preston must bolster its defence. If it's to have any hope of reaching the final, so Eric Leabirel may move into the back four. The team must not concede any goals, but score plenty, if it's to recover.

Against Croatia, that's a tall order, even though the State League champs will be without Alan Kerr and Eddie Krncevic.

Hakoah moved into favoritism after its big win last weekend but will find it difficult to put four goals past George Cross.

George went down 0-1 to Croatia, but with Ken Reed once again linking up with ace wingers Jim Papera and Robert Cullen, the Cross will not be pushovers.

Hakoah will have the edge in midfield, where Bill Jordanou, Stewart Blair and Steve Gadaby are playing well, but coach Frank Milec will be hoping Mike Clarey can put on a devastating display, as he did against Preston.

State League Cup round two, Olympic Park, Sunday October 15: 1.30pm Hakoah v. George Cross, 3.15 pm. Essendon Croatia v. Preston.

— KYLE PATTERSON



Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia has won the Victorian Rothmans Medal. Cumming (with medal) is pictured with the previous winners, standing from left — John Gardiner (1971 & '72), Vince Bannon ('73), Pat Bonnon ('74), front — Jim Tansey ('76) and David Baker ('75 & '77).

Player of the year named tomorrow

The Australian Player of the Year will be named at the Australian Soccer Press Association presentation dinner at Sydney's Wentworth Hotel tomorrow (Thursday).

Candidates include Ken Boden (Newcastle), Neil McGachey (W. Adelaide), Roberto Vieri (Marconi), Steve Perry (Brisbane City), Peter Boyle (W. Adelaide), Zdravko Lujic (Footscray) and others.

The Jimmy Mackay perpetual trophy for the most improved under 21 player of the year will also be presented tomorrow.

Candidates for that award include Ian McGregor (W. Adelaide), George Campbell (St. Melbourne), Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic (Canberra), Ian Souness (Hakoah) and Zoran Ilaski (Footscray).

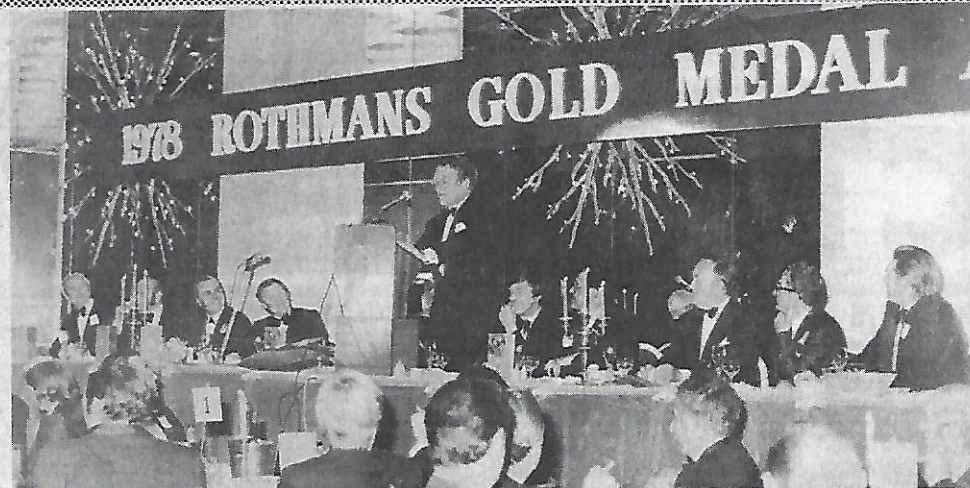
Previous winners of this award are — Duncan Cummings (St. Melbourne), 1974 and 75, Arthur Xanthopoulos (St. Melbourne) 1976 and John Kozmina (W. Adelaide) 1977.

Other ASPA awards are for the coach of the year and for the best referee.

APIA — Wests talks

Western Suburbs and APIA Leichhardt were meeting on their proposed merger at the time we went to Press, so we are unable to include in this week's edition the results of the talks.

Watch your daily papers for details.



Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser makes his speech at the Victorian Rothmans Medal presentation night at the Southern Cross Hotel.



National coach Rudi Gutendorf (left) was among the guests. Here he is with Steve Kalus, secretary of the Soccer Press Association.

Quips and praise from the P.M.

It was nice to be associated with a best and fairest award of which no-one knew the winner beforehand, the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, said at the Victorian Rothmans Medal presentation night last week.

He was alluding to the Australian Rules Brownlow Medal, the result of which was "leaked" before the presentation.

"To those who know how to keep a secret: you should come

to Canberra and teach us how to," Mr Fraser told the gathering of about 150 players and officials at the Southern Cross Hotel.

He said the qualities needed to win a best and fairest award reminded him of that well-known saying: "Life wasn't meant to be easy".

"Such an award is obviously difficult to attain," he said. "It brings the very best out of players. To gain votes they have to go in for the hard ball and win it fairly."

"A small group of players goes in unfairly but this group wins no marks from players or spectators. It's a pity there is no best and fairest award in politics. It might remind some politicians to keep their minds on the game."

"In politics the tendency recently has been to play the man rather than the ball . . . and our umpires are much slower to act than yours."

Mr Fraser said he was impressed by the impact soccer was making on Australia.

"I understand about 60 nations are represented here tonight, which is a great thing for sport and for the nation."

"Soccer is gaining strength in schools and colleges and competing for patronage with the other football codes."

"Such competition is healthy, for it must serve to raise the overall standard and to improve facilities."

"Soccer's special attraction is that it provides players with the chance to travel the world, which must be an incentive to all youngsters taking up the sport."

"I know that the sport's administration is making every effort to produce a world-class national team, with the aim being to reach the next World Cup finals."

"I'm sure everyone in Australia wishes soccer the best in that endeavour."

"However, for tens of thousands of young men just playing the game is reward enough for the time and effort they put in."

Mr Fraser said he had been told that Victorian soccer started about 100 years ago with four clubs — Prahran, Carlton, Melbourne Rovers and South Melbourne.

"Now there are 930 junior teams in the Melbourne metropolitan area, apart from all the senior teams, which suggests well for the future and speaks volumes about the professional way in which the game is administered and promoted."

"The example set by the national soccer competition — the first national competition of its type in any Australian sport — has

further increased interest in the code."

Mr Fraser also praised the Rothmans company.

"This evening would not be taking part without the backing of Rothmans," he said. "The company is to be commended."

Green Gully's Ian McCarthy (left) makes a gourmet's decision as Jim Tansey (Fitzroy) gets "stuck in."

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Team of the year

The Victorian State League Team of the Year, based on referees' votes awarded for the Rothmans Medal (note: Alan Davidson wins midfield spot ahead of Willie Coulson on countback):

Hans van der POEL (Altona)			
Vince BANNON (Frankston)	David BAKER (Hakoah)	Sandy IRVINE (Frankston)	Steve SHORT (Slavia)
Ian MCCARTHY (GG Ajax)	John DAVIDSON (Albion)	Alan DAVIDSON (Altona)	
Tommy CUMMING (Croatia)	George McMILLAN (Makedonia)	Robert CULLEN (G. Cross)	



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MCCARTHY'S SPORTING GESTURE

Veteran Green Gully midfielder Ian McCarthy, one of the leading vote getters in the Rothmans Medal has made one of the kindest gestures of the season.

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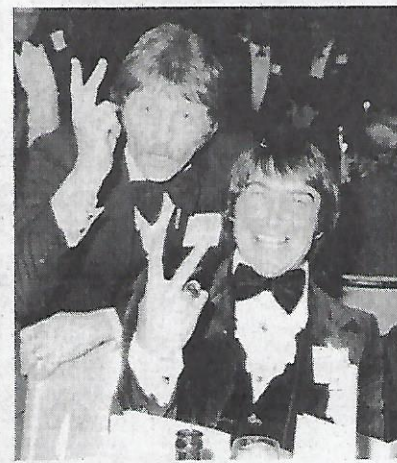
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Mick Watkins (left) of Juventus and Billy Wilkinson of George Cross show Tommy Cumming the victory sign.

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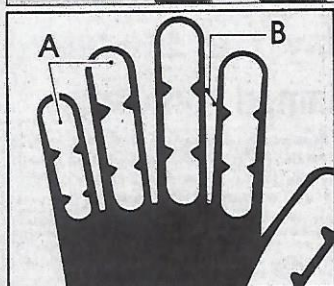
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Rothmans Medal BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER PHILIPS LEAGUE HIS AIM

While everyone in Victorian soccer is talking about Rothmans Gold Medal winner Tommy Cumming and his chances of playing for Australia, the little man himself is pondering his future in this country.

Before Cumming could represent Australia he'd have to become an Australian citizen. But even before that obstacle is tackled, there lies another problem.

It's one of the ironies of life that Cumming is yet to be granted permanent residence in Australia, the place where he's made a name for himself and carved a promising future.

But Cumming, who's riding on the crest of a wave, is optimistic about his long-term future here.

"I've been trying for a long time to get permanent residency in Australia," he said. "I'm very happy with the way things have gone since I've come out from Scotland, and hopefully everything will be sorted out soon."

"If I had the opportunity to play for Australia, I'd jump at it but I think I'd have to be playing in the PSL before I had the chance."

It was obvious that Cumming was overcome emotionally by his victory in the Medal count. The 22-year-old winger has had a meteoric rise to stardom since hitting our shores three years ago and in his own words, his dual medal success hadn't sunk in yet.

However, he spoke honestly when he admitted that in the second half of the season he'd not played as well as in the first.

"It got a bit easy for Croatia at times," he said, and it's hard to motivate yourself when your team is half a dozen points clear at the top of the table."

The 3rd double

Tommy Cumming is the third player to score the Bill Fleming Medal — Rothmans Medal "double".

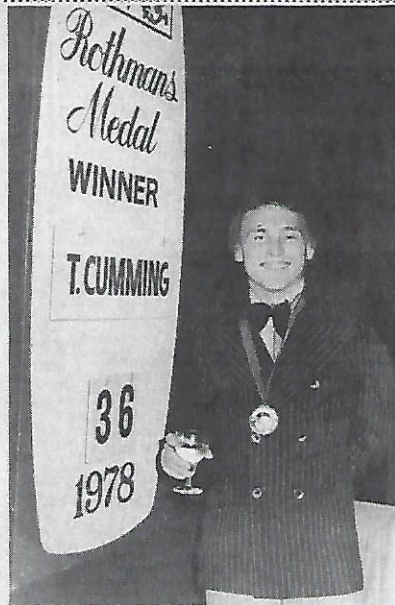
Jim Tansay (1976) and John Gardiner (1972) are the others to have won both medals in one season.

Votes for the Fleming Medal are cast by the Press.



Two distinguished guests — Vic Manson (top), chairman of the Victorian juniors, and Albert Merrills, the VSF's man at Olympic Park.

Cumming added that he would probably stay with Croatia next season but that the Philips League was his aim.



The sign says it all

Votes elude the leading scorers

Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia became the first forward to win the Victorian Rothmans Medal — but the rest of the poll once again favored defenders.

The leading 18 vote-getters included nine defenders and only three forwards.

The State League's leading scorer, Jim Paton of Slavia, polled only two votes for the season.

Deadly striker Ken Reed of George Cross received only four votes and Mike Clary of Hakoah, who was equal second-highest scorer with 14 goals, polled only six votes.

Apart from Cumming, the only forwards who were among the leaders in the voting were Robert Cullen (George Cross) with 18 votes and George McMillan (Macedonia) with 20 votes.

Noel Mitten (Albion), Bill McIntyre (Albion), Ray Pocock



Striker Ray Pocock, Sunshine's leading votegetter.

(Sunshine and Mick Watkins (Juventus) were next among the forwards, with 10 votes.

There were other puzzling aspects to the voting. For example, George Watters won Albion's best and fairest award but managed only three

votes in the Rothmans Medal counting.

Nick Lowe was among Sunshine's stars but received only six votes from the referees and Croatia's Ken Murphy received no votes at all, although he played many excellent games.



Cumming is congratulated by Altona City coach Joe Wilson (left) and journalist Elias Dounoudis of "Neos Kosmos"

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It was a happy night for these men of Essendon Croatia, from left: Frank Burin (manager), Bill McArthur (coach), medal winner Tommy Cumming, Joe Sigur (president), Billy Vojtek and John Gardiner.

ALL THE VOTES

36 votes: T. Cumming (Essendon-Croatia) — seven 3s, six 2s, three 1s.

22 votes: S. Short (Slavia) — seven 3s, one 1. D. Baker (Hakoah) — five 3s, three 2s, one 1.

20 votes: I. McCarthy (Green Gully) — five 3s, one 2, three 1s. G. McMillan (Preston) — four 3s, four 2s.

18 votes: R. Cullen (Geo Cross) — six 3s, A. Irvine (Frankston) — four 3s, three 2s.

17 votes: J. Vazendoorn (Slavia) — three 3s, three 2s, two 1s. V. Bannan (Frankston) — four 3s, one 2, three 1s.

14 votes: S. Walker (Juventus) — three 3s, one 2, three 1s.

13. B. Cornaby (Ringwood) H. Van der Post (Altona)

12. J. Davidson (Albion), J. Webb (George Cross)

11. W. Coulson (Ringwood), A. Davidson (Altona)

10. N. Mitten, W. McIntyre (Albion), R. Pocock (Sunshine), J. Train (Slavia), M. Watkins (Juventus)

9. P. Launeta (Preston)

8. L. Danyis (Green Gully), P. Lewis (Altona), S. Ellis (Sunshine), F. Thomson, C. Whiteside (Slavia), I. Gibson (Hakoah), H.

Graham (Juventus), K. Webster, F. Peterson (Frankston), H. Andrews, V. Banovic (Essendon), J. Bernard, G. Hooper (Preston)

7. N. Maitland (George Cross), K. Adams (Ringwood), R. Gramsbergen (Altona), S. Blair (Hakoah), A. Kerr, J. Gardiner (Essendon)

6. J. Patton (Green Gully), A. McConville (George Cross), H. Howe, N. Lowe, D. Nelson (Sunshine), M. Rainey, B. Whiteside, M. Clary G. French (Hakoah)

5. J. Cain, P. Donaldson, A. Segi (Green Gully), W. Wilkinson, J. Paparas (George Cross), G. Train, A. Brown, (Altona), F. Mussel (Sunshine), G. Westley (Slavia), B. Jordanou, L. Owens (Hakoah), B. Sabidussi, C. Lucchasi (Juventus), W. McGregor (Frankston), B. Vojtek, S. Koskka (Essendon), S. Bosch, W. McMymont, G. Faulkner (Preston)

4. D. Perkin, S. Carr (Green Gully), D. McCuskey (Albion Leyland), K. Reed (George Cross), J. McRobert, R. Nelson (Sunshine), J. Daperia (Hakoah), C.

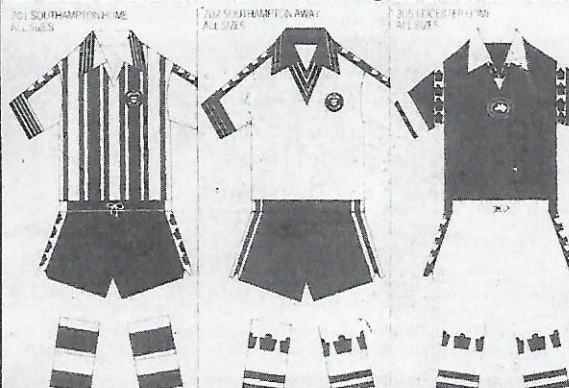
Smith, J. Symington, J. Hoson (Juventus), G. Bannan (Frankston), B. Davidson (Essendon), R. Verniers (Ringwood)

3. W. McCormack, J. Daperia M. Enlin (Albion), G. Rice (George Cross), J. Luyten, D. Garthwaite (Ringwood), K. Innes, K. Murray, N. Utles, G. Watters (Altona), S. Aldridge (Slavia), S. Rooney (Hakoah), N. Campbell (Frankston), A. Billever, E. Knoch, B. Culina (Essendon), P. Glascock, C. Glenon (Preston)

2. L. Thomson, S. Klein (Green Gully), G. Oliver, S. Blair, A. Quilen, K. Gresham (Albion), B. Thom (Ringwood), R. Plessa, K. Kelly (Altona), J. Scholten, M. Dixey, T. Bangsan (Sunshine), P. Clarke, J. Paton, B. Tuft (Slavia), U. Pfisterer (Juventus), T. Fox, A. Tulloch, E. Gillespie (Frankston), C. Gilder (Essendon), P. Hallam, T. Brewerton, L. Petrovski (Preston)

1. M. Gamble (Green Gully), now Altona, F. Campbell (Albion), F. Mifaud, P. Murphy, T. Castiello (George Cross), D. Barbour (Ringwood), N. Cook (Sunshine), F. Neri (Slavia), M. Francis (Essendon), E. Lesbirel (Preston)

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Croatia tops

Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia polled the highest number of referees' votes — 92.

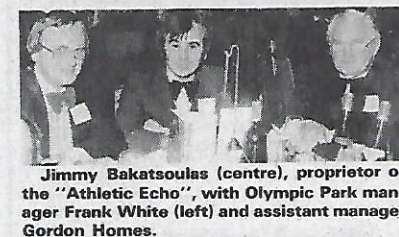
	No. of players who polled votes	No. of votes polled
Ess. — Croatia	13	92
Slavia	11	80
Hakoah	11	78
Preston-Makedonia	13	73
Frankston	10	69
Altona	12	65
George Cross	11	63
Green Gully Ajax	11	62
Sunshine	12	56
Juventus	9	56
Albion Leyland	12	54
Ringwood	8	44



"Have a bite" says Mick Watkins to his Juventus team-mate Steve Walker.



From left: Alex Alexic (Sunshine), Laurie Schwab ("Soccer Action"), Scott Frew (Sunshine) and Willie Coulson (Ringwood).



Jimmy Bakatsoulas (centre), proprietor of the "Athletic Echo", with Olympic Park manager Frank White (left) and assistant manager Gordon Homes.



Referees Chris Bambridge (left) and Dave Yelland.

Rothman's Medal BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER



The Slavia table, from left: John Yzendoorn, Jim Train and coach Harry Chalkitis.

Kerr was best, say Yzendoorn, Short

Alan Kerr of Essendon Croatia should have won the 1978 Rothmans Gold Medal. That's the opinion of Slavia pair Steve Short and John Yzendoorn.

But both agreed that Tommy Cumming was a worthy winner. Short paid tribute to Kerr's fighting qualities in nominating him as the best player in the State League.

"He's the best club player around," said Short. "He gives everything he's got in every game. The Croatia defence looks good because Kerr's in front of them, and cuts out a lot of danger."

"He's the best destroyer in the league, and holds the Croatia team together."

Yzendoorn agreed with the choice of Kerr as the top player. "But Cumming is capable of turning a match," said Yzendoorn. "He's a match-winner and I'd like to have him in my team."

"But even Tom himself would probably agree that he hasn't had the best of seasons."

Short was in a talkative mood at the Rothmans presentation night, and went on to be critical of the non-inclusion of Slavia team mate Jim Paton, who was the leading goalscorer.

"It's ridiculous that the top goalscorer isn't here," he said. "The leading goalscorer should get an automatic invitation whether he scores a goal or not."

The Slavia pair agreed with State Director of Coaching, Len McKendry, who said the voting system needed review.

"Referees aren't in a position to judge a player," said McKendry. "The refs watch the ball for 90 minutes but each player is in possession for an average three minutes a game."

"For the other 87 minutes a player isn't on the ball and therefore not in the referee's eyes."

Short and Yzendoorn called for an independent judge to watch each game and give votes.

"There just aren't enough good referees around," said Short. "Who are capable of knowing which player has done well."

Yzendoorn, who was one of the favorites for the Rothmans Medal, polled only 17 votes.

Short did better, polling 22 votes to finish equal second.

However, Yzendoorn wasn't disappointed with his showing. "I've been in Australia six months," he said, "and didn't expect to get anywhere. But I won the 'Soccer Action' player of the year award, which was a bonus."

Short said he didn't expect to poll as well as he did.

PSL clubs may be interested to learn that both Short and Yzendoorn want to leave Slavia for a national league club.

Both would do well in the national competition.

McMillan unhappy with his form

George McMillan, the lanky Scottish striker of Preston, is certainly a hard man to please.

He won Preston's best and fairest award, was the team's highest goalscorer and leading votegetter in the Rothmans Gold Medal, but says he let the club down this season.

"At times this season," explained McMillan, "I didn't play well at all. I let the club down. They bought me from Essendon and I didn't do as well as I should have."

McMillan added that he would stay with Preston for at least another season. There was speculation that he was going to return to Scotland and quit Australian soccer.

Looking at McMillan's achievements this season, it seems he's being a little harsh on himself.

"I take it as a compliment that I received 20 votes from referees," he said, "but the players in the team deserve more credit."

"I love scoring goals but my first interest is for my team to win. I don't go out on the field thinking about scoring goals so that I can win awards. If I can score goals that help the team win a game, that's great."

McMillan finished equal second on the State League top goalscorers list with 14 goals. Jamie Paton of Slavia finished first with 17, followed by McKendry and Mike Clavey on 14.

Courage Breweries sponsor the top goalscorer award for \$1000.

McMillan said he wasn't particularly disappointed he didn't win the award.

"The winner of the award, Paton of Slavia, scored six penalty kicks," said McMillan, "but I'm not using that as an excuse. I don't take penalties, but if I had played better, I would have scored more than him."

The former Corralia Perth player said he was aiming at being more consistent in 1979.

"I'd like the chance to play in the Philips League with Preston next season," he added. "There's not much difference between the State League and the PSL and I'm sure we'd do well. The PSL teams play much too slowly and always prefer to push the ball back wards if there's nothing definite on up front."

"Preston likes to attack and we'd run some of those teams off the park."



The secretary of the ASF, Brian le Favre (centre) chats with Bill Curran (left) coach of the Victorian under 16s and 19s and John van Hoboken, president of Ringwood City.

GUTENDORF GETS HELP FROM RASIC

Former national coach Rale Rasic and his business associate Bill Englefield have thrown their weight behind new supremo Rudi Gutendorf.

Rasic and Englefield have made available to Gutendorf the Englefield Stadium at Dural, where Rasic operates the Australian Soccer Camps coaching school for children.

Gutendorf will use the centre as a live-in camp for his national under 19 squad.

The squad, preparing for the qualifying rounds of the world youth championships, will enter camp for the first time on Friday.

The following week, they will enter camp on the Wednesday and return home on Sunday, October 22.

At this point, the squad will be reduced from 34 to 18, who will again come to Sydney on Friday, October 27, until Sunday, October 28.

The final training camp starts on the evening of November 2, and the squad will stay together until Thursday, November 9, when it flies out to New Zealand, to return on November 19.

The match programme in New Zealand has been thrown into confusion by the late inclusion of Papua New Guinea and doubt over the participation of Taiwan.

The New Zealand government has said it will not allow Taiwan to compete under the name Republic of China, so there is the chance that Taiwan will withdraw.

The other competitors are Fiji and New Zealand. If Australia wins this group it will advance to a further qualifying series in South America. The finals will be in Japan next year.

The preliminary Australian under 19 squad is:

NSW: Greg Woodhouse, Greg Ankudinoff (Western Suburbs), John Keraspyros, Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Paul Kay, Mick O'Shea (St. George), Craig Hall (Sutherland), Ian Hunter (Nepean Corinthian), Peter Kothias (Marikvill).

VICTORIA: Theo Salemdia (Fitzroy), Steve Kakantonis, George Christopoulos (St. Melbourne), Eddie Krncovic (Essendon Croatia), Jeff Oliver, Steve Blair (Albion-Leyland), Alan Davidson (Altona).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Ian May (Steel United), George Koulianos, John Dedes (West Adelaide), Paul Iannace (Azzurri).

A.C.T.: Steve Hogg, Mike Milovanovic, Danny Moulie, David Lindenmeyer, Jos Arquero (Canberra City).

QUEENSLAND: Tony Scanlon (Annerley), Mark Brusasco (Brisbane City), John Ogden (Brisbane Lions).

NORTHERN NSW: Peter Tredinick, Neal Endacott (Newcastle KB United), Graham Jennings, Malcolm McClelland (Adamstown Rosebush).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: John Spanos (Ascot), Charlie Iannatoni (Azzurri).

Sixteen enter Copa Italia

Sixteen teams have entered the 1978 Copa Italia (Italian Cup) to be played at Jukes Road, Fawkner, Vic., from November 4 to December 3.

The competitors are — Group A — Juventus, Vermont, Latrobe City, East Brunswick, Group B — Essendon City, Trieste, Nunawading United, Thomas-town, Bullen.

Group C — Fawkner, Moonee Ponds, East Carlton, Bundoora, Group D — Werribee, Shepparton South, Ascot United, Regent.

"Soccer Action" will feature a comprehensive preview supplement of the Cup in a few weeks' time.

Concord's Cup

Concord of Sydney won the annual Mallecoota Cup tournament in far eastern Victoria by beating Sandringham City of Melbourne on penalties in the final.

Sandringham won its group by drawing 0-0 with Shoalhaven and Oak Flats, beating Mallecoota 2-1 and defeating Harbord Diggers 1-0.

George Drda scored both goals against Mallecoota, whose only goal came from a penalty that was taken three times.

Gerry Boggan scored against Harbord Diggers.

In the semi-finals Sandringham beat Cronulla of Sydney 3-0 with goals by Drda, Boggan and John Kennedy, while Concord beat Shoalhaven 1-0.

The final finished scoreless, so the result was decided on penalties.

Drda, Kennedy and Mick Deaves missed with their shots, resulting in a 3-1 penalties win for Concord which also won the Cup last year.

The final was watched by about 250 people, and Alf Bowerman and his committee did an excellent job of organising the tournament.

"We all had a great time and we'll be back again next year," said Sandringham secretary Bill Markus.

Sandringham's Elvio Pugliese was runner-up in the best goalkeeper award.

Concord's goalkeeper won the award. He made a brilliant save from a 40-metre drive by David Grundy in the final.

Mallecoota's team featured guest players Ian Williamson, John Taylor and Alex Tulloch from Frankston City.

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SECOND CUP IS TRIUMPH FOR PERRY, GAFFNEY

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane City, the team nobody thought could get past Hakoah in the quarter finals, have the Philips Cup in their keeping for the second year in succession.

This time City's band of gutsy fighters, who are nowhere near the best footballing side in the country, upset all early predictions by beating Adelaide City 2-1 at Perry Park.

Last year, City produced the season's biggest upset by lasting through extra time before eventually beating Marconi on penalties after the match was deadlocked at 1-1.

It was a different story in this final. After reaching the final against huge odds, City now were expected to go one better and carry it off, meaning Les Scheinflug's Adelaide City started as the underdogs.

There was no need for extra time, an aspect City to which City have become quite accustomed. The score was 1-1 at half time and City monopolised most of the second session before snatching the winner, 13 minutes from the end.

The victory was a long overdue triumph for City sweeper Steve Perry and midfielder Larry Gaffney, whose performances this season had little to do with City finishing last in the league.

Both men ran themselves into the ground, as they have done right through the Cup, and they were assisted by some forceful midfield aggression from Frank Pimblett, John Coyne and Brian Kibbey.

It was just what City needed, as for long periods of the second half the skill and determination of Aggie Muniz threatened to tip the scales in Adelaide City's favour.

But whereas City had a unified force in the middle, Muniz played virtually a lone hand, receiving sporadic support from Zoran Matic but surprisingly much less from Johnny Perin.

Dixie Deane City's attacking trump card, as reported, was not fully fit, and did not leave the substitute's bench until 10 minutes from fulltime.

The first half, as the scores indicated, finished on level terms with Adelaide City opening up early when a Matic-Gary Marocchi combination fully tested Kim Wishart.

Peter Marshall was in action almost immediately when he came out to beat Barry Kelso for a ball which resulted from a



Larry Gaffney shoots for goal

smooth move between Gaffney and Kibbey.

Muniz also made his mark early and, with Matic, promoted a chance for John Nyskohus, but the soccer's shot was wayward.

Midway through the half, Kelso came within inches of scoring one of the best goals of the season.

The big striker for possession well out from the penalty area, found Ian Rathmell overlapping on the right and the City rightback first-timed his cross into the middle, where Kelso had backed up and dived to rocket the ball just past the post with a slashing header.

City's main hope of cracking the Frank Lister - John Beir centre back combination was to

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Kelso, Pimblett) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Matic), Philips Cup final at Perry Park, Brisbane, crowd—about 4,900.

Ratings —

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 7, Rathmell 7, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 9, Lavelle 7, Pimblett 8, Kibbey 7, Coyne 8, Caldwell 6 (Brusasco 6, 60th), Kelso 7, Gaffney 9.

ADELAIDE CITY — Marshall 8, Nyskohus 7, Besir 6, (Deane 80th), Lister 7, Matic 7, Perin 6, Muniz 9, Marocchi 7, Marve 6, J. Nyskohus 7.

The first 17 minutes of the second half were a near disaster for the local side, with some appalling backpasses and a Wishart half-hit 'goalkick' placing enormous pressure on the defense.

Wishart saved from Nyskohus Junior. His older brother and Muniz made an opening for Marocchi, who shot woefully wide and it appeared Adelaide City were going to take advantage of Muniz's constant probing.

Brisbane City replaced a jaded Kevin Caldwell with young Mark Brusasco and the freshness and raw aggression of the newcomer signalled a change in the complexion of the match.

Pimblett lobbed a free kick into the box for Coyne to head just over and suddenly the cup holders became the aggressors for the balance of the match.

Brusasco stroked a side-footer just wide when Rathmell overlapped and crossed after accepting from Pimblett, and Gaffney did not get a clear shot at Marshall after Coyne had made a break by robbing Beir near the halfway line.

In the 70th minute, Coyne again weaved a path through the backline and found Kelso, who turned and steadied with the ball on his more powerful right foot, but Marshall dived and smothered the ground shot.

Brusasco took some towering throw ins from the right in Ray Richards style and from one, Kelso and Gaffney both nodded headers before Marshall managed to save under extreme pressure from centre half David Ratcliffe.

City have been outplayed by better footballing sides in most matches this season but in Cup conditions they always seem to overcome this liability to produce the goal that counts.

It came in the 77th minute. Pimblett took a left-side corner, and Kelso's height at the near post caused sufficient problems to force Lister to concede another corner.

Pimblett's cross was almost identical. The defence took a rush at Kelso on the near post again and with Marshall badly positioned and possibly unsighted, Pimblett's corner winning through the wall of players unimpeded for the winner.

Marshall made another two tremendous saves to keep City from adding further when he palmed out crosses from Coyne and Kibbey.

Deane replaced Beir with only five minutes left and almost made something from a Matic pass, winning instead just a corner.

Brisbane City were able to play out the remainder of a tense final few minutes and really could have turned the scoreline into what would have been an unjustified landslide when Kelso missed a couple of easy chances with Marshall at his mercy.

PSL size still open

The chairman of the Philips League, Sam Pappas, and the PSL manager, John Frank, have denied reports that a decision has been made not to increase the size of the league next season.

They both said that the league was still awaiting applications for membership and that no decision would be made until the end of the month.

Adelaide City hit back in only three minutes to equalise. A Muniz cross fell loose towards the edge of the box as City failed to effectively clear and Matic was waiting to drive a fierce left foot volley past Wishart.



Frank Pimblett — scored directly from a corner.



Johnny Warren, right, enjoys a joke with the chairman of the Canberra's committee, Mr George Donda, and the National Library's manuscript librarian, Miss Catherine Santamaria, after depositing his personal scrapbooks (foreground) in the library.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA PHOTOGRAPH BY Bruce Moore

Library gets record of Warren's life

Canberra City's manager-coach Johnny Warren, has deposited in the National Library of Australia 10 mammoth personal scrapbooks that detail his life and sporting career.

The scrapbooks, each measuring 55cm (22in) by 76cm (2 ft 6 in) and 5cm (2 in) thick, are crammed with photographs, Press clippings, memorable correspondence, souvenir programs and even the cheque for seven shillings and sixpence which Warren received for his first 11 Division game for Canterbury-Marrickville in 1958.

The memorabilia date back to his schoolboy swimming certificates, and one he received for coming second in an under-11 Boy Scouts' hopping competition.

Warren, 35, handed the scrapbooks to the Library's Manuscript Librarian, Miss Catherine Santamaria.

Miss Santamaria described the scrapbooks as a valuable acquisition for the library.

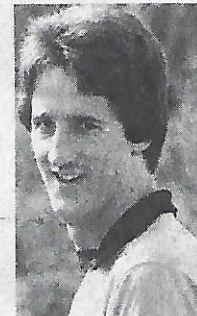
"We have the personal papers of famous explorers, statesmen, aviators, actors, poets, people noted in many spheres, but only a few sportsmen," she said. "It's tremendous to receive the papers of an Australian World Cup player like Johnny Warren. We hope this deposit will give other top sporting figures a lead."

The Warren scrapbooks are available to researchers and others in the Library's manuscript reading room.



Peter Blasby

Blasby for sale, Provan leaves



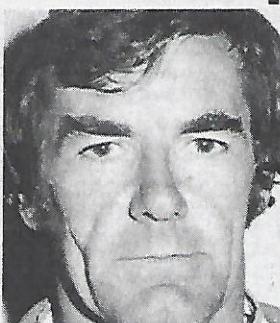
Bob Provan

Fitzroy-Alexander has transfer-listed goalkeeper Peter Blasby at his own request.

Blasby, who previously played for Victorian clubs Frankston Pines and Albion Rovers, had a dispute with Fitzroy during the season.

Fitzroy centre back Bob Provan is returning to Scotland and is unlikely to return next season.

Stowell replaces Laing



Bruce Stowell



Mike Laing

Bruce Stowell, the 1976 "Soccer Action" Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year, is the new coach of PSL team Western Suburbs.

He replaces Mike Laing who is returning to England.

Stowell, who was Laing's assistant this year, played with Pan Hellenic (Sydney Olympic) when he won the "Soccer Action" award.

Nine games, nine wins

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts	%
Brisbane City	9	9	0	16	5	18	100
Newcastle	4	3	1	5	3	6	75
Adelaide City	6	4	2	13	5	8	66.6
Fitzroy	6	4	2	15	8	8	66.6
Eas. Croatia	3	2	1	7	1	4	66.6
Canberra	6	4	2	12	12	8	66.6
Marconi	5	3	2	10	4	6	60
West. Subs.	5	3	2	6	3	6	60
Hakoah	4	2	2	6	5	4	50
Geo. Cross	2	1	1	3	3	2	50
W. Adelaide	4	2	2	6	7	4	50
Mooroolbark	2	1	1	1	3	2	50
Syd. Croatia	2	1	1	0	2	2	50
Beograd	2	1	1	2	6	2	50
Brisb. Lions	3	1	2	9	3	2	33.3
Sth. Melb.	3	1	2	3	4	2	33.3
St. George	3	1	2	3	4	2	33.3
Syd. Olympic	3	1	2	3	6	2	33.3
APIA	1	0	1	1	2	0	—
Azzurri (SA)	1	0	1	1	2	0	—
Western Bears	1	0	1	1	2	0	—
S'ide Eagles	1	0	1	1	2	0	—
Juventus (Vic)	1	0	1	0	1	0	—
St. Geo. Souths	2	0	2	1	3	0	—
Footscray	1	0	1	0	2	0	—
Auburn	1	0	1	0	2	0	—
White Eagles	1	0	1	0	2	0	—
Slavia	1	0	1	3	6	0	—
Ascot (WA)	1	0	1	1	4	0	—
W. Woden Juventus	1	0	1	0	4	0	—
Noarlunga	1	0	1	0	5	0	—
Annerley (Qld)	1	0	1	0	7	0	—

ALL THE CUP SCORERS

All Philips Cup scorers (1978 & 1977): 5. Cole (Fitz)

4. Culina (Eas. Croatia), Henderson (Can), Buljevich (Fitz), Kelso, Caldwell (Br C).

7. Boskias (Fitz), Sharpe (Mar).

2. Johnston, Pimblett (Br. C) Mariani (Mar), E. Campbell (Hak), W. Turnbull (West. Sub.), J. Campbell (Fitz), Grulic (Can), T. Smith (Hak), C. Eaton (West Sub), Honeyman (W. Ad), Marwe, J. Nyskohus, Muniz (Ad. C).

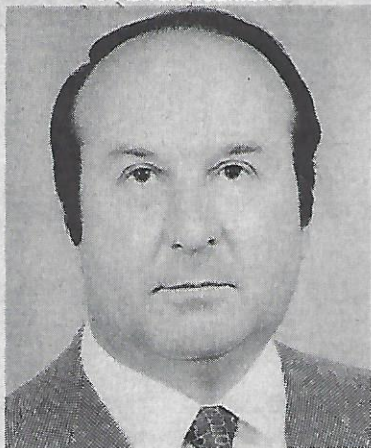
Lazlo, Spearritt (Br Lions), McGregor (W. Ad), Kosmina (W. Ad & Ad. C).

1. Tokes, Kibbey, Echeverria, Coyne (Br C), Harding (W. Sub), Rooney, Byrne, Jankovic (Mar), Lowrey (M.Bark), Neale (Br Lions).

Northcote, B. Nyskohus, Fyfe, Marocchi, Matic (Ad. C), Prskalo (Mar), Alston, Bourke, Davies, T. Byrne, Cant (Can), Jamieson (Syd Oly).

Summerscales, Tredinnick, Galpin, Boden, Drinkwater (Newc), J. J. Turnbull (Weston Bears), Fairbrother, Morris, Ontong (Bris Lions), Taylor (Fitz), Cummings (Sth Melb), Pappas, Reed (Geo Cross), Davidson, Ellier (Eas. Croatia), Souness, Barnes (Hak), Rogers, Lutton (Sth Melb), Ristovski (Footscray), Milman (Southside Eagles), Thompson, Watson (Hak), Stone (West Sub.), Laing, D. Allen (Syd Oly), Russo (Azzurri, SA), Kienleiner, Jankovic (Beograd), Norris (W. Ad), Miller, Paton, Train (Slavia), B. Stoddart (Can), J. O'Shea, Hensman (St. Geo), Jack (APIA), Cullen (Geo Cross).

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Enver Begovic — nominated for the vice-presidency of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

PROGRESS FOR VICTORIA IS BEGOVIC'S AIM

Candidate for vice-presidency believes lower leagues should have more say

Mr Enver Begovic, a foundation member of the Victorian Soccer Federation and for many years one of the leading soccer administrators in Australia, has nominated for the position of VFS vice-president.



Mr Begovic (light coat) prepares to present medals after a Cup final at Olympic Park.

Mr Begovic said this week: "Because of the formation of the Philips League, I strongly feel that the State League and Metropolitan League clubs must adopt better policies to achieve better promotion and greater success for Victorian soccer.

"We must also work on getting more publicity to reach the younger people of Victoria so that they can become more interested in the affairs of Victorian soccer.

"I also believe strongly that Metropolitan League clubs and other affiliated leagues should have more say in important voting decisions taken by the Victorian board of management."

Mr Begovic expresses his gratitude for being nominated for the vice-president's position.

The election will be at the annual general meeting of the VSF on October 26 at 8 pm.

Since his arrival in Australia in 1957, Mr Begovic has been a strong supporter of Victorian soccer.



● Enver Begovic — relaxing.

Apart from being a foundation member of the federation, he served for many years as president of Croatia Soccer Club and became club delegate to the State League management committee.

Mr Begovic then became treasurer of the VSF, chairman of the State League, Victorian delegate to the Australian Soccer Federation, life member of the VSF and also served on various VSF sub-committees.

In 1977 and 1978 he was elected president of the Victorian District and Industrial Leagues but unfortunately his health was not the best at the time and for this reason he was unable to carry out his duties in the way he would have liked.

Eventually he had to resign on the advice of his doctor.

However, Mr Begovic is now in excellent health and able to devote a lot of time to help clubs and the federation whenever required.

Mr Begovic has always been a strong and enthusiastic advocate for progress and for certain changes in the structure and administration of the VSF.

His message to the soccer fraternity in general is:

"I will serve you all in every possible way that I can, and I will not disappoint you."

Mr Begovic is managing director of a large security and private detective company in Melbourne.

He is also connected with various charitable organisations in Victoria.

He speaks various European languages, which means he is able to help ethnic groups by offering and organising seminars to teach club officials how to improve administration and achieve greater progress for their own clubs and for soccer in general.



Mr Begovic, as chairman of the State League, meets players before a Dockerty Cup final. With him are Mrs Dockerty, wife of the late Harry Dockerty, and Theo Marmaras, president of the VSF.

CLAREY DAZZLES ACTION PRESTON



Mike Clarey, pictured in the colors of Mooroolbark.

HA KOAH 4 (Nagy 15th, Jordanou 52nd, French 73rd, Clarey 89th) **PRESTON 1** (Glennon 78th), State League Cup, at Olympic Park greyhound track, crowd for double-header about 6000.

Ratings —
HA KOAH — Whiteside 6, Owens 7, Baker 7, Dosen 7, Daperis 6, Blair 8, Jordanou 9, Gadsby 7.5, Nagy 8, French 7, Clarey 10.

MAKEDONIA — Laumets 6; Petrovski 6, Brewerton 6, Hooper 6.5, Beech 6; McClymont 6.5, McGifford 6.5 (Blazevski 58th), Bernard 6 (Lesbire 61st); Faulkner 6.5, McMillan 6, Glennon 7.

Mike Clarey scored one goal and laid on three others in Hakoah's dashing 4-1 victory over Preston. A striker can't do much more than that!

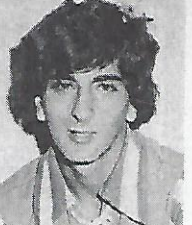
Clarey seems to be getting better with age. He's 30 now, yet he's had his best goalscoring season since 1972.

Clarey scored 14 goals in league games this year, apart from various Cup goals including the one he got last Sunday. He has notched 95 goals in State

League matches since he arrived from England in 1969, making him second-highest State League scorer behind Jim Armstrong who retired recently after scoring 144.



Les Nagy



Bill Jordanou



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Clarey was top scorer in the league with 16 in 1970 and joint runner-up with 15 in 1972.

His totals for every season have been — seven in 1969, 16 in 1970, 11 in 1971, 15 in 1972, 12 in 1973, six in 1974, seven in 1975, seven in 1976 and 14 this year.

No total is listed for 1977 as he spent that season in the Phillips League with Mooroolbark, where he scored only one goal for the year.

Clarey joined Mooroolbark in 1976. In that season he scored seven goals. The other years were spent with Hakoah. Before coming to Australia, Clarey played amateur soccer in north-west London for Woolfstone and Kingsbury Town.

Before coming to Australia he was top scorer in the Spartan League with 25 goals in 1968.

Despite his relentless goalscoring, Clarey has been selected only once for Victoria. That was in 1971 against Kosice of Czechoslovakia. Kosice won 5-1, but at least Clarey scored Victoria's only goal.

Against Preston last Sunday, Clarey played an endless array of highly imaginative, scalpel-like passes that sliced open Preston's soft underbelly — its defence.

Without detracting from his undoubted brilliance on the day, Clarey would have to concede that the slick marking and general indecision of the Preston defenders gave him one of his easiest games of the year.

That's also good for winger Les Nagy and midfielders Bill Jordanou, Stuart Blair and Steve Gadsby whose combined football skills and scientific play had Preston's men gasping in awe.

On his performance in this match, Jordanou looks ripe for the Phillips League.

He shows admirable ambition to get to the difficult ball and to work his way through the defence. He plays some nice one-twoes, gets into good position for shots at goal and is back in defence in a flash when he's needed.

Preston started the game well, but while going up with goalkeeper Bill Whitehead for a high ball, McMillan was hurt and required first aid attention. He was quite the same for the rest of the game.

Hakoah's first dangerous move was as much a case of poor defence by Preston. Gadsby sent over a corner from the right and instead of blocking it clear, the defenders merely bled it, presenting Anton Dosen with a gift shot at goal. However, Dosen's long shot went wide.

Davidson burst through the 10th minute, and allowed Gilder to rob him of the ball and pass to Davidson, but the ball was struck too firmly and eluded the winger, who was in good position.

The Cross defence became, at times, slack in the second half, and had no answer to Davidson's pace.

Robert Mirek, who had a quiet game, burst into the play in the 59th minute.

He dashed from the half-way line to the corner flag, shuffling off niggling challenges from Blair.

He put over an inch-perfect cross, which cut Grant Smart out of the game, but Paparas on the far post, headed wide when he had time to chest the ball down.

But that was a fleeting effort from George Cross, and soon Croatia had the ball down the other end.

Davidson burst through the Cross defence before passing short to Collins. He heaved past two defenders, then unleashed a shot which looked on target, but hit John Webb on the back.

Ray Taylor curled a free kick narrowly past the post for Box Hill, but overall, the Hillmen did no more than contain Croydon in his second half.

However, the last time the two sides met, Croydon won 5-0, so Box Hill can be proud of the team's performance.

MORELAND 1 (Wallace) **MELBOURNE 1** (Jurina).

Moreland took the lead with a hotly-disputed goal from Wallace midway through the first half, and held a one-goal lead at the break.

But Melbourne fought back well in the second half, and equalised through Steve Jurina.

Melbourne had the edge in the second half, but the team's forwards lacked the muscle to penetrate Moreland's strong back four.

After 90 minutes, the score was 1-1, and extra time failed to see a change to the goal tally.

ne, Clarey nodded the ball expertly down to the feet of Nagy who lashed it home to make the score 1-0.

If all the chances Clarey created had resulted in goals, Hakoah would have won this match by up to eight or nine goals.

However, they don't all land in the net, as Clarey found when his intelligent cut-back to Jordanou was belted over the bar in the 17th minute.

McMillan had a chance to equalise for Preston when he dashed onto a short return ball from Dosen to Whiteside. However, McMillan's shot missed.

Seven minutes after that time, Nagy stormed down the right wing, past defenders, and played the ball square to French who laid it off to Clarey.

Clarey played an inspired diagonal pass through a group of defence stars to the feet of Jordanou who hit the bottom of the post but put the ball into the net at his second attempt.

The pattern of the game was clear. Nagy was beating Steve Beech, Ljube Petrovski was giving Clarey too much room, and Tom Brewerton in the middle was floundering, leaving Gary Hooper to do most of the work.

The Preston midfielders, Bill McClymont, Colin McGifford and John Bernard were very ordinary compared with their Hakoah counterparts.

Jeff Faulkner had been causing problems in the first half, mainly because John Daperis didn't mark him tightly enough, but when Daperis became more determined, even Faulkner was reduced to the mediocrity.

Preston goalkeeper Peter Laumets had to make a difficult save from a powerful shot by French, and then a good ball by Bernard created a break for Preston.

The ball went to Chris Glennon but he pushed it too far ahead of himself and lost control over it.

He made two changes — bringing in Norman Blazevski and coach Eric Leabire for McGifford and Bernard.

Clarey simply shrugged his shoulders and proceeded to put Hakoah further ahead.

He ran to the goal line, next to the penalty area, shook off a challenge from Brewerton and squared the ball for French to tap home goal No. 3.

In the 78th minute, in a Preston death throes, Glennon stuck his foot at a header into the area, and managed to deflect the ball past Whitehead for a consolation goal.

But Hakoah kept coming. With a minute left to play, Hooper missed the ball in the middle, allowing Clarey to pounce on it, take it into the penalty area and angle it with the outside of his right foot into the net for Hakoah's fourth goal.

Goal difference will replace goal average in Victorian soccer next season.

Goal difference is the difference between goals scored and goals conceded.

Goal average is the percentage of goals for and against.

Goal difference is already used in the Phillips League, the NSW Federation, the World Cup and most other countries.

No Rudi
National coach Rudi Gutendorf has turned down a request that he coach the Phillips League select teams that will meet Olympiads of Greece in Adelaide and Sydney next month.

Gutendorf says he will coach only true national teams.

Key strikers return for Cross Croatia



By KYLE PATTERSON

Tommy Cumming, the winner of both the Bill Fleming and Rothmans Gold Medals, will make his first appearance in the 1978 Victorian State League Cup this weekend.

The Essendon Croatia winger missed his teams' 1-0 first round victory over George Cross because of a thigh muscle injury.

Croatia will be without centre forward Eddie Krcovic for its clash with Preston because he's involved in selection trials for the Australian under-19 team, which is to compete in the Coca Cola World Youth Cup.

George Cross will regain key striker Ken Reed for its game against Hakoah St. Kilda.

Reed was unable to play in George Cross' first round game because of flu. But like Croatia, George is losing a player as it regains another.

Long-serving full back Alex McConnell has announced he wants to leave the club at the end of the season.

McConnell has spent most of this season on the substitutes' bench after losing his place in the George Cross team to young Phil Cutaia.

Croatia gained two valuable points from its game against George Cross thanks to an opportunistic goal by winger Brian Davidson.

The New Zealand born Davidson, who was obviously encouraged by the praise he received from national coach Rudi Gutendorf after his display in the Croatia v Victorian under-19 trial game, impressed with his speed and elusiveness.

He scored after winning possession from George Cross centre back Norm Matland, and breaking away before coolly slotting the ball past goalkeeper Steve Matson.

Matson was playing his first game in three weeks after receiving an injury in a round 22 State League game.

But it was a game in which wingers shone. As well as Davidson, George Cross pair Robert Cullen and Jim Paparas were excellent.

Paparas and Cullen worked overtime to cover the loss of the bulldozing Reed, and in the first half had the Croatia defence in all sorts of trouble.

The good form of Davidson has created a selection headache for Croatia coach Billy McArthur.

With Cumming's return, and the likely arrival of Bill Vojtek, who was ruled out of the George Cross game with a calf muscle injury, Croatia has four players in the running for three forward positions.

Carl Gilder will probably hold down the centre forward role, making it a battle between Cumming, Vojtek and Davidson for two flank places.

Although Croatia had the upper hand in the second 45 minutes, a gift of Paparas and Cullen easily could have enabled George to be in the lead at the interval.

During the first half, the Cross defended well and broke out of defence with good counter-attacks.

However, the defensive excellence of the first half, but the error by Matland in allowing a clearance into Davidson, giving him possession and an open path to goal, proved costly.

It gave Croatia the lead and the impetus needed to get on top and hold the advantage.

ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Davidson 50th min) **GEORGE CROSS 0** State League Cup, at Olympic Park. Crowd: Double header 6000.

CROATIA Banovic 7, Smart 6, Gardiner 7, Kokoska 6, Blaver 8, Murphy 7, Culina 7, Andrews 6, Krcovic 7, Gilder 6, Davidson 9.

GEORGE CROSS Matson 7, Cutaia 6, Matland 6, Webb 6, Barron 6, Mirk 6, Wilkinson 7, Castiello 7, Mitsud 6, (McConville 77th min), Cullen 8, Paparas 9.

But it must be said that Croatia's performance wasn't inspiring, and the team played well below its capabilities.

The absence of Alan Kerr is one reason why the defence was more vulnerable than usual. He normally cuts out a lot of opposition moves in the middle of the park.

Castiello played a very defensive midfield role, and blocked a lot of Croatia attacks in the first half.

But a foul by the retiring Ante Blaver stopped Cullen five yards outside the penalty area.

Branko Culina had the misfortune of finding out first-hand about a tough new line taken by referees.

The Croatia midfielder came closer than 10 yards as George Cross was about to take its free kick.

That action earned him the yellow card, and no doubt many more players will fall into a similar trap if the refs in Victoria are consistent with this policy.

Wilkinson was doing an effective job in the midfield for the Cross. He stayed fairly central and concentrated on picking up the loose balls and distributing quickly.

For Croatia, Blaver defended solidly, but was impressive when joining in attacks down the left flank.

In the 30th minute Cullen came close, pulling a stunt that was to prove decisive when Davidson successfully used the play.

The Cross winger closed down Steve Kokoska as he was receiving a pass from John Gardiner. In the Croatia defence, and managed to deflect Kokoska's return pass in the direction of goal.

Gardiner read the danger well and quickly recovered the situation and passed the ball back to Croatia keeper Yekka Banovic.

Had the ball travelled a yard further away from Gardiner, Cullen would have had a free run at goal.

Soon after, Banovic made a rare error when he failed to properly clear a corner. The ball was on a hand to hook the ball goalwards, but was off target.

However sent over a good far post cross for Krcovic but his header was straight at Matson.

But George was more threatening when going forward. After Castiello and Barron had built up on the left, the

final kicks off at 2.45 p.m. Details of Winfield Cup semi-finals.

CROYDON CITY 1 (Trant 33rd min) **BOX HILL 0**

CROYDON Edwards 7, Brown 6, Sinclair 6, McCombe 8, Spink 7, Trant 7, Smith 7, Lowrey 8, Murphy 7, Hamilton 6, Wylie 7.

BOX HILL Morgan 7, Patterson 6, Cooke 8, Walsley 8, Hall 7 (White), Rimas 7, McLeod 7, Taylor 6, Bernard 7, Tuffield 7, Sherman 6 (Campbell).



Essendon Croatia's Eddie Krcovic (right) leaps above a ruck of players to head the ball during last Sunday's game between Croatia and George Cross. Also pictured are Norm Matland (George Cross, left), Steve Kokoska (Croatia, middle) and Jim Paparas (George Cross, behind Kokoska).

ball was knocked square to Paparas, who hit it curling short just over the bar.

Paparas was again involved when he bobbed up on the far post in the 38th minute to knock the ball across the face of goal.

Banovic had committed himself but missed the cross and the goal was open as Wilkinson steamed into the penalty area to pounce on the loose ball.

But Kokoska charged in with a lunging tackle and cleared the danger.

At half time the score was 0-0, but George Cross was on top. Its strategy, tending out the danger of Krcovic and Gilder, and in the midfield, Wilkinson was harvesting a high number of loose balls.

It was undoubtedly the performance of the teams front runners that made George Cross look good.

The skill of Paparas gave the Cross a reliable avenue of attack and the general pressing of the Croatia defence by Cullen, Paparas and the other Cross players allowed the side to maintain the edge and prevented Croatia from building up its game.

The key to Croatia's second-half revival was the early goal it scored and improvement in the midfield which meant more support for key front runner Davidson more pressure on the George Cross midfielders and defenders less service for the dangerous Paparas and Cullen.



Johnny Wallace

But the Hillmen's midfielders Ian McLeod and Pedro Rene, despite being out-numbered, continued to find openings in the Croydon defence.

McLeod in particular, was a driving force, and combined well with Kenny Hall on the left flank.

After Croydon scored, the Hillmen lost momentum, but still kept its hopes alive with determined defending from Paul Corke and Aukie Walsley.

But in the second half, the Hillmen weren't able to pressure Croydon in the same fashion they had in the first 45 minutes.

The Croatia players did more running in the second half and once they got their noses in front didn't look like surrendering their lead.

Murphy received a caution for dissent soon after Croatia went to a 1-0 lead.

Davidson lost concentration in the 53rd minute, and allowed Gilder to rob him of the ball and pass to Davidson, but the ball was struck too firmly and eluded the winger, who was in good position.

The Cross defence became, at times, slack in the second half, and had no answer to Davidson's pace.

Robert Mirek, who had a quiet game, burst into the play in the 59th minute.

He dashed from the half-way line to the corner flag, shuffling off niggling challenges from Blair.

He put over an inch-perfect cross, which cut Grant Smart out of the game, but Paparas on the far post, headed wide when he had time to chest the ball down.

But that was a fleeting effort from George Cross, and soon Croatia had the ball down the other end.

Davidson burst through the Cross defence before passing short to Collins. He heaved past two defenders, then unleashed a shot which looked on target, but hit John Webb on the back.

Ray Taylor curled a free kick narrowly past the post for Box Hill, but overall, the Hillmen did no more than contain Croydon in his second half.

However, the last time the two sides met, Croydon won 5-0, so Box Hill can be proud of the team's performance.

MORELAND 1 (Wallace) **MELBOURNE 1** (Jurina).

Moreland took the lead with a hotly-disputed goal from Wallace midway through the first half, and held a one-goal lead at the break.

But Melbourne fought back well in the second half, and equalised through Steve Jurina.

Melbourne had the edge in the second half, but the team's forwards lacked the muscle to penetrate Moreland's strong back four.

After 90 minutes, the score was 1-1, and extra time failed to see a change to the goal tally.

ALLSTARS FALL

PRESTON 5 (Glennon, McMillan pen, Faulkner, Blazevski, McGifford) **Victorian Allstars 2** (Coulson, Campbell).

PRESTON: Laumets, Petrovski, Hooper, Brewerton, Beech, McGifford, McClymont, Bernard (Blazevski), Faulkner, McMillan (Lesbire), Glennon.

ALLSTARS: Kerner (Fitz), Reilly (Hak), McMillan (Fitz), O'Reilly (Fitz), Tansey (Fitz), Campbell (Fitz), Thomson (Gully), Piccione (Fitz), Ristovski (Fitz), Coulson (Rings), Subis: Buljevic (Fitz), McLeod (Fitz).

The Lou Adams testimonial game raised \$1,200 for the fallen striker, but was marred by the non-appearance of many of the stars.

Preston beat a Victorian Allstars team 5-2, with goals from Chris Glennon, George McMillan, Jeff Faulkner, Dragan Blazevski and Colin McGifford.

Willie Coulson of Ringwood City and Jim Campbell of Fitzroy replied for the Allstars.

The game was even at the beginning, and when Campbell scored the Allstars second the score was 2-2.

But Preston added three goals to win easily.

Best players — Preston — McGifford, Faulkner, Allstars — Tansey, Piccione.

Moreland underdog in final

Croydon City is set to complete a hat trick of Metropolitan League honors when it meets Moreland in the Winfield Cup final this Saturday at Waverley's Sixth Avenue ground.

The pre-season Cumberland Cup and the Metro First Division have been won by Croydon City.

The Winfield final will be Croydon's last in the Metro ranks for at least a year, as the eastern suburban club will play in the State League in 1979.

Moreland will also take a step up the ladder, as the Second Division team finished second and won promotion.

Croydon is expected to romp home in the final, but Moreland has a number of experienced players including Johnny Hamilton and the former Melbourne star, Wallace, the former Melbourne star, and Joe Katz.

The team's big top against Croydon is the lefty Alec Marshall, the former Hakoah striker.

But the class of Pat Lowrey in midfield, the defensive excellence of Jimmy Spink and Steve McCombe and the forward combination of Roy Hamilton and Jim Wylie should see Croydon through.

A lone goal from former Mooroolbark and Fitzroy Utd midfielder Joe Trant gave Croydon a place in the Winfield Cup final.

Trant's goal came after Box Hill had lost the ball in midfield, and was caught by a swift Croydon counter-attack.

However, in the opening 20 minutes, it was the Hillmen who had the edge, and the Croydon defence was made to look very shaky.

Injury to Alan Ponghe forced Croydon to use full back Mick Sinclair as a centre back, and introduce Mark

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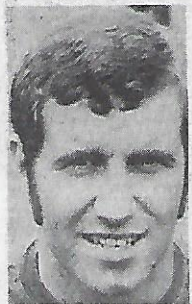
OLYMPIAKOS

Antoniadis out to prove his class

Anton Antoniadis is determined to remove local doubts about his playing ability when he makes his return visit to Australia next month.

Antoniadis will tour Australia with his new club, Olympiakos, playing against South Melbourne Hellas in Melbourne on November 26 and against PSL select sides in Adelaide on November 23 and in Sydney on December 2.

The renowned goalscorer was last in Australia in July, 1973. He and English international Peter Osgood were flown in at great expense to appear as guest players with Hakoah-Easts against Cruzeiro of Brazil in a night game in Sydney.



Peter Osgood — he and Antoniadis played as guests for Hakoah-Easts against Cruzeiro of Brazil in Sydney in 1973.

Antoniadis scored a goal in Hakoah's 2-3 loss but he and Osgood did nothing to justify their big reputations.

In fact, they were dismal flops!

They did, however, contribute towards attracting a good crowd of 15,195.

Cruzeiro won with goals by Dircou Lopes and Lime and an own goal by John Watkins. The other goal for Hakoah was scored by Murray Barnes.

Despite his lethargic performance in that game, there is no doubt that Antoniadis is one of the all-time greats of Greek soccer, and he'll be out to prove it next month.

At the time of his last visit, Antoniadis was with Panathinaikos. He was still there, along with Mimis Domazoz, when Panathinaikos won the Greek league and Cup double in 1977.

His best goalscoring season was 1971-72, when he scored 29 — only one less than Bayern Munich's Gerd Mueller who won the Golden Boot award as Europe's top scorer.

Antoniadis, who joined Olympiakos this year for a signing-on fee of about \$100,000, is not the only star at this great Greek club.

The others include Giannis Kirastas, 22, and Petros Karvitis, 26, the two defenders who were in the Greek national team that toured Australia in June.

Another star is Mike Galakos, probably the best centre forward in Greece.

Galakos was born in West Germany, of Greek parents. He was going to join newly-promoted German Bundesliga team Nuern-

berg early this year but changed his mind at the last minute.

The uncertainty about his future at the time caused him to miss some of Greece's international games.

Olympiakos' goalkeepers are Panagiotis Kelesidis and Giannis Arvanitis, both internationals.

Arvanitis was struck on the head by a bottle thrown from the crowd during the recent second-leg UEFA Cup match against Levski Spartak on Sofia, Bulgaria.

Because of the incident, Olympiakos has asked the European Football Union to rule that the match should be replayed.

Olympiakos won the first-leg game 2-1 in Piraeus but lost 1-3 in Sofia.

Young striker Kaltsas, bought

this year from Serez, scored for Olympiakos in both matches.

Apart from Kirastas and Karavitis, the Olympiakos defence includes also Takis Synetopoulos, Kanellos and Papadopoulos, a Cypriot who was bought from Ethnikos this year.

There are two South Americans in the squad — Perone and Julio Losanda.

Mihalis Kritikopoulos is getting on in years but he has been one of the top forwards in Greece for about 10 years and is still a flashy player.

Other good players are Persias and Lemonis.

Centre back Mihos is a new face in the squad, having been bought this year from Panathinaikos of Agrinio.



Antoniadis, playing for Greece, is foiled by the goalkeeper of Italy.



Olympiakos goalkeeper Panagiotis Kelesidis shows a safe pair of hands.

Sideris the greatest

Olympiakos' all-time best player was the great George Sideris.

He was runner-up in the Golden Boot award for Europe's top goalscorer in 1968-69 when he scored 35 goals — only one less than the winner, Peter Jekov of CSKA Sofia.

Another star was centre forward George Darvas, who is now the assistant coach of Olympiakos.

Thanele Boble was a midfielder in the Demazoz style. Polyhroniou was another great midfielder.

He played very well against

Pala when Olympiakos beat Santos of Brazil 2-1 in Piraeus about 10 years ago. Pete praised Polyhroniou after the game.

Greek stars will play three games on \$110,000 tour

Olympiakos' tour of Australia has been arranged by South Melbourne president Sam Pappasavas who is also chairman of the Philips League.

Pappasavas negotiated with Olympiakos during his visit to Greece earlier this year.

He expects the tour to be the most successful since AS Roma drew 30,000 people to Olympic Park in the mid-sixties.

South Melbourne will keep the profits from its game against Olympiakos at Olympic Park on November 26.

The Philips League will get the

profit from games between Olympiakos and PSL select teams in Adelaide on November 29 and in Sydney on December 2.

The tour will cost \$110,000.

Pappasavas had to lodge a \$17,000 deposit in a Greek bank last week to confirm the tour.

The South Melbourne team to meet Olympiakos will include guest players, probably from Fitzroy and Footscray, to replace Hellas stars Frank Munro and George Campbell who are holidaying in Scotland.

Pappasavas said the Olympiakos tour would be promoted in a big way.

The match in Melbourne would be preceded by a programme of entertainment featuring Greek bands and singers, he said.

Tickets will be sold in country centres including Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo.

To prepare for the game, South Melbourne will start training again in two weeks' time, Pappasavas said.

His contract with Olympiakos stipulates that the club must bring to Australia all its top players, including its internationals.

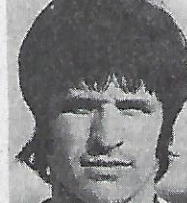
This clause guards against any possibility of a second-string team making the tour.

Elas Dounoudis, of the "Neos Kosmos" newspaper, and an authority on Greek soccer, said this week:

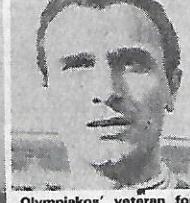
"Olympiakos is the most popular team in Greece and will certainly draw huge crowds here. If the players take the tour seriously, they should win all three of their matches here."



Young Olympiakos star Lemonis celebrates Olympiakos' third goal, scored by Perone, in the 4-3 victory over Larisa in the first match of the season.



Olympiakos utility player Takis Synetopoulos —



Olympiakos' veteran forward Mihalis Kritikopoulos.



One of Olympiakos' Uruguayans, Julio Losanda.



Perone — signed from Uruguay this year.



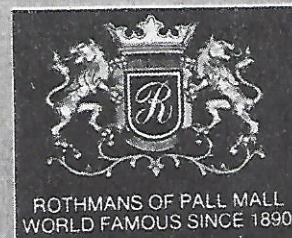
Three of Olympiakos' past stars, from top: GEORGE SIDERIS, former captain of Greece and leading goalscorer; IOANNIS GAITIDJIS, classy international defender, and VASSILIOU BOTINOS, international winger, master of the overhead scissors kick.

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Atromitos the only other club to visit

ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ

Olympiakos is only the second Greek club to visit Australia.



Olympiakos' No. 2 goalkeeper Arvanitis, bought this year from Ethnikos.

The Greek national team has toured twice — in 1969 and this year — but the only club to visit was lowly Atromitos, in 1976.

Atromitos with great players **Mimis Domazos**, and **Nikos Gloutzos**, lined up against a South Melbourne Hellas-Fitzroy Alexander combined team at Olympic Park and lost 1-4. It then drew 1-1 with Victoria. Details:

HELLAS-ALEXANDER 4 (Ollerton, Gibson, Armstrong, Pye). **ATROMITOS 1** (Pantelidis). **Hellas-Alexander:** Kennedy (Blasby 74th), V. Bannan, Xanthopoulos, Walker, Rakovella (Pye half time), Bourne, P. Bannan, Gibson, Cummings, Ollerton, Armstrong.

Atromitos: Economou, Miallidis, Stefanidis, Taprantzis, Athanassopoulos (Sarantis 80th), Katsolis (Inj. Sub. Pantelidis 23rd), Domazos, Raptis, Gloutzos, Bergalas (Kantelis 80th), Stavranos (Kantelis 50th).

Victoria 1 (French penalty) **Atromitos 1** (Bergalas). **Victoria:** Clarke, Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarlos, Tansay, Bourne, Mackay, Westgaff (Gibson half time), Ratovski (Cummings half time), Ollerton, French. **Atromitos:** Blasby, Miallidis, Stefanidis, Taprantzis, Athanassopoulos, Raptis, Domazos, Gloutzos, Sarantis, Bergalas (Kantelis 80th), Pantelidis.

20 titles, 17 Cups

Olympiakos has won the Greek championship 20 times since 1928.

The next most successful team in Greece is Panathinaikos which has won the title 12 times.

Since the Greek national league was formed in 1960, Olympiakos has grabbed the title four times — in 1966, 67, 73 and 74.

Panathinaikos is the overall champion of the national league, with nine titles.

Olympiakos has won the Greek Cup 17 times since 1932. AEK Athens is next with eight Cup triumphs, the latest having been achieved last year.

Olympiakos has also won a Balkan Cup, beating Gianni Riva's Cagliari 1-0 in the final.

• Last year's picture of Olympiakos, standing from left: Geitatzis, (now retired), Kolesidis, Vassilopoulos (transferred), Synetopoulos, Angelis (retired), Kirastis. Front: Glazos (transferred to Kalithea), Losanda, Viera (transferred to AEK), Galakos, Karavitis, Stavropoulos (transferred).



Coach played for Yugoslavia

Olympiakos is coached by Toza Veselinovic, a former Yugoslav international.

Olympiakos was obviously happy with him last year, as it has signed him up again — and it's rare indeed for a Greek club to keep a coach for two years running!

Veselinovic played in the 1958 World Cup finals in Sweden, where Yugoslavia was knocked out of the quarter-finals by West Germany.

He scored three goals in the tournament — two against France and one against Paraguay.

Details of the games in which he competed:

YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Petrakovic) **SCOTLAND 1** (Murray) **YUGOSLAVIA 3** (Veselinovic 2, Mijatovic) **FRANCE 2** (Fontaine 2) **YUGOSLAVIA:** Beara, Tomic, Zebec, Cinkovic, Krstic, Koskov, Petakovic, Veselinovic, Mijatovic, Sekularac, Rajkov.

FRANCE: Remetter, Kaelbel, Jonquet, Marche, Penverne, Lerond, Wisniewski, Fontaine, Kopa, Platon, Vincent.

SCOTLAND: Younger, Caldwell, Evans, Hewie, Turnbull, Cowie, Leggat.



Olympiakos coach Toza Veselinovic with two of his stars, Galakos (left) and Kritikopoulos.

Murray, Mudie, Collins, Imbach.

YUGOSLAVIA 3 (Veselinovic 2, Mijatovic) **FRANCE 2** (Fontaine 2) **YUGOSLAVIA:** Beara, Tomic, Zebec, Cinkovic, Krstic, Koskov, Petakovic, Veselinovic, Mijatovic, Sekularac, Rajkov.

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SCOTLAND: Younger, Caldwell, Evans, Hewie, Turnbull, Cowie, Leggat.

YUGOSLAVIA 3: (Veselinovic, Ognjanovic, Rajkov) **PARAGUAY 3:** (Parodi 2, Aguero).

YUGOSLAVIA: Beara, Tomic, Zebec, Cinkovic, Krstic, Koskov, Petakovic, Veselinovic, Ognjanovic, Sekularac, Rajkov.

PARAGUAY: Aguilar, Arevalo, Lacasso, Echague, Villalba, Achucarro, Aguero, Parodi, Romero, Ro, Amerilla.

QUARTER-FINAL: **WEST GERMANY:** (Rahn). **YUGOSLAVIA 0.**

WEST GERMANY: Kerkenth, Stollenwerk, Ehardt, Juskowiak, Eckel, Szyniak, Rahn, Walter, Goller, Schmidt, Schaefer.

YUGOSLAVIA: Krivokuca, Sijakovic, Zebec, Cinkovic, Krstic, Koskov, Petakovic, Ognjanovic, Mijatovic, Veselinovic, Rajkov.



Kaltsas is on the ground after scoring the winning goal in Olympiakos' 2-1 victory over Levski Spartak in their UEFA Cup match in Piraeus.

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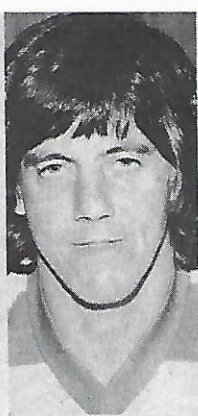
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Brisbane City's star recruit Steve Perry, leads clear in front of Fitzroy's Gary Cole. At left is Peter Tokesi and in the middle Frank Pinblett



Alan Ainslie - a good buy for Olympic



West Adelaide's Vic Bozanic (left) tackles Andrew Bozikas of Fitzroy. Bozanic is headed for the national squad.

Perry, Bozanic best buys of season

by KYLE PATTERSON

Forget about the glamorous introduction of Ralph Coates, Frank Munro and Alun Evans to the Australian domestic scene. The most successful transfer of this season must be that of Steve Perry, who moved from Western Suburbs to Brisbane City.

A full back with Wests, Perry became a star performer overnight after moving north to Queensland and switching to the sweeper position.

But in the long run, the transfer of Vic Bozanic from South Australian State League club Polonia to West Adelaide could be even more successful.

The 20-year-old full back or midfielder emerged as a player of class in West Adelaide's home run for the championship and has been earmarked for selection to Rudi Gutendorf's national squad.

Perry and Bozanic are only two of many players who switched clubs this season. At least \$200,000 was invested in the transfer market by PSL clubs during 1978. Money talks in the world of soccer.

Controversial British manager Tommy Docherty holds the opinion that every player in the world is available for transfer - at the right price.

The success of a club can often be determined by the amount spent on promotion, facilities and above all, players.

The Australian domestic scene has a yearly dose of transfer-market mayhem as clubs scramble to strengthen their playing staffs.

In 1978, new records were established, and new trends developed as PSL clubs became more business-like in their approach.

In February this year, the Australian inter-club transfer record was raised to \$30,000.

It was a massive 100% jump on the old record, which was established seven months earlier, but the sudden increase shouldn't be blamed entirely on the rate of inflation.

A \$30,000 cheque waved by Brisbane Lions was enough to persuade Queensland State League club Grange Thistle to relinquish the services of former Scottish international Jim Hermiston.

Brisbane City, the club for which Hermiston played during the 1977 season, was eager also to sign the ex-Aberdeen defender, but Lions did the better 'talking' and swung the deal.

The previous record was \$15,000, paid by Adelaide City to Hakoah-Easts for Australian international Agenor Muniz.

Towards the end of this season, South Melbourne and Footscray JUST set a precedent that will no

TOP TEN DOMESTIC TRANSFERS OF THE PSL SEASON

- ★ In order of merit
- 1 Steve Perry - Western Suburbs to Brisbane City.
- 2 Vic Bozanic - Polonia (SA) to West Adelaide
- 3 Mark Jankovic - St George to Marconi
- 4 Col Curran - Western Suburbs to Newcastle KB Utd
- 5 Ernie Campbell - Marconi to Hakoah.
- 6 Jim Hermiston - Grange Thistle (Q) to Brisbane Lions
- 7 Alan Ainslie - Western Suburbs to Sydney Olympic
- 8 Barry Kelso - Annerley (Q) to Brisbane City
- 9 Bertie Lutton - Hakoah to South Melbourne
- 10 Robert Marwe - Croatia (SA) to Adelaide City

His first game with Lions was at full back, but soon he was moved to the centre of the defence with the occasional run in midfield.

Lions had a reasonable year but with Hermiston the club was hoping for a lot more. Jim's form was good although he never reached the heights of the previous season.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

The man chosen to fill Hermiston's boots in the Brisbane City team was Perry.

Perry was an above-average full back, but since switching to the sweeper role, he has grown in stature.

He's thrived on the responsibility thrust upon him, and has been consistently outstanding this season.

OUR VERDICT: A great success.

Savro Iozelli was plucked from the obscurity of the West Australian State League to fill a vacant full back position with Brisbane City.

He'd gained success by gaining selection in an Australian under 23 team but this transfer was his big break.

But Iozelli failed to shine in City's team, and may be struggling to win back his spot.

He's young enough for a second attempt next season, and could make it yet.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful so far.

Barry Kelso bridged the gap between the Queensland State League and the PSL without much trouble and was a consistent performer in Brisbane City's forward line after a late-season transfer.

He's impressed a lot of people with his displays, and will be a name to watch in 1979.

OUR VERDICT: Very successful.

Alan Marley played against Australia for New Zealand in the qualifying rounds for the 1974 World Cup, and joined Brisbane City at the start of this season.

He was City's top goalscorer in league games (six goals) but disappeared from the team late in the season.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.



Bertie Lutton shoots for goal Lutton joined South Melbourne from Hakoah for \$8500.

Fairbrother showed some good form during his last few games with Mooroolbark, but he's yet to produce the goods in this country.

OUR VERDICT: Not up to expectations.

Paul Ontong seemed destined for great things on the national scene. His wing play was one of the good points in the troubled Mooroolbark team.

However, injury and loss of form have marred Ontong's season with Brisbane Lions.

His fee of \$6,000 wasn't chicken feed, and Lions will be hoping the club's investment pays off in the long run.

OUR VERDICT: Not up to expectations.

Steve Amos left West Adelaide for Brisbane Lions, and had a fairly successful, but unspectacular season.

Playing mostly as a midfielder Amos held his place, and had a reasonable season.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

However, Ainslie, who came from Western Suburbs, overcame the problems, and was one of Olympic's best players this season.

He finished equal top goalscorer, and will play a big part in the club's 1979 campaign.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Coton was injured early, so his first year with his new club wasn't a very happy one.

When fit, he will have to vie with Dave McIntosh and Richie Bell for a berth in a central defensive position.

OUR VERDICT: Insufficient games to make a judgement.

Hakoah bought Norris from Wests, but sold him just as quickly after settling on Ernie Campbell from Marconi.

The former Socceroo was a good replacement for Terry Smith who spent the majority of the season on the sidelines with an ankle injury.

Campbell is a great player, but faces a tough job holding his place now that Smith is fit.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

St George's only noteworthy buy was Ivan Djuric from Yugal.

But he played only six games, and didn't show much.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

Marconi made a scoop purchase when Mark Jenkovic crossed from St George.

The 19-year-old striker was excellent at the start of the year but injury stopped him in the second half of the season.

He's young, and has proved he's good enough.

OUR VERDICT: Very successful.

Peter Ollerton left South Melbourne and joined Marconi for \$15,000 after an argument with South's manager Dave MacLaren.

As it turned out, South Melbourne bought Alun Evans to fill the team's centre forward position as Ollerton's time with the club was limited anyway.

With Marconi, apart from the occasional good display, Ollerton didn't click, although he came into a struggling side.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

Mike Berry was another of Marconi's buys, but he played only three games.

Imported from England by Western Suburbs, Marconi signed the defender after he'd been discarded to a NSW Second division team.

He couldn't crack the Marconi first team and his chances with the Sydney club will be limited.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful so far.

Newcastle KB Utd signed many new players from local

clubs for its first season in the PSL.

Lloyd Hardes, a local player with plenty of promise, had a fair year, but no doubt the club is hoping he'll be a player of the future.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Joe Senkalski, Newcastle born and bred, returned to his home town late in the season from Sydney Olympic. He played only two games with Newcastle, and so we must wait until 1979 to pass judgement on the little forward.

Col Curran is another local boy who came home. Curran, a former Socceroo, didn't let his home town down, playing with renewed enthusiasm and vigour.

His presence has helped Newcastle greatly.

OUR VERDICT: Very successful.

Phil Dando and Roy Drinkwater have played together for the past five years, starting in New Zealand before going to Newcastle via Brisbane Lions.

Dando, a goalkeeper, is a reliable man and served Utd well in the club's first year.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Drinkwater is one of the unsung heroes in the Utd side, plugging away each game with little reward. But his displays in defence have always been solid, and you can count on this man for 100% effort.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Canberra City won the race for the signature of young midfielder ace John Davies. He transferred from Sydney Croatia for \$10,000 and is a player of the future.

His efforts this season won him a place in an Australian XI for a game against Greece, and he should continue, to become a top player.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Dave MacLaren went back to his old club to sign two players during the 1978 season - Bobby McGuinness and Bertie Lutton.

Lutton started off in fine style but failed to reproduce his good form of the early part of the season.

For \$8,500 South Melbourne is entitled to expect more.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

McGuinness played six games for Souths before being loaned to Footscray. He didn't play at all well for either club, and will be struggling to live up to his \$5,000 price tag.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

Mike Micevski cost Fitzroy Utd \$9,000, but had a poor season.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

He couldn't force his way into Fitzroy's admittedly strong midfield, so he didn't justify the high fee.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

The colorful Mike O'Hara was bought by Footscray from Hakoah St Kilda as a replacement for Dennis Boland while Boland was ill early in the season.

O'Hara never looked confident in goals for Footscray, and lost his place to Boland when he was fit again.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.

Graeme Norris had a reasonably good year with West Adelaide after transferring from Wests via Hakoah.

Although he scored only four goals, which would mean a poor year for most strikers, he fitted in well with Wests' team plan.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

Peter Tymczyszyn joined West Adelaide from a South Australian State League club, and did well in holding down the right back berth.

Although not a class performer, he did the job.

OUR VERDICT: Fairly successful.

With a string of brilliant performances late in the season, Bozanic has emerged as a top player.

The young full back or midfielder has a tremendous right foot-shot, and has great ability.

Given time, he will emerge as one of the stars of the PSL.

OUR VERDICT: A great success.

Robert Marwe, the versatile Adelaide City player, joined the club from Adelaide Croatia.

He has played full back and striker, adapting to either position with ease.

His height and build give him an advantage in aerial duels, and he is young enough to improve.

OUR VERDICT: Successful.

Henry Kolecki has represented Australia, but bad luck saw him have only a brief stay with Adelaide City.

He joined from S.A. State League club Polonia, and did well in his five appearances.

However, Adelaide City had the skillful midfielder only on a trial basis, and decided not to buy him because of the number of class midfielders already on the club's books.

He's since re-joined Polonia.

OUR VERDICT: A success.

Dave Rigby joined Adelaide City from Mooroolbark, but made only five appearances.

He struggled for form, and hasn't much hope of breaking into Adelaide City's strong midfield.

OUR VERDICT: Unsuccessful.



Marconi recruit Mark Jankovic (centre) tangles with Footscray's Joe Picciano (left) and Joe Palinka (no. 7). At right is Paul Degney

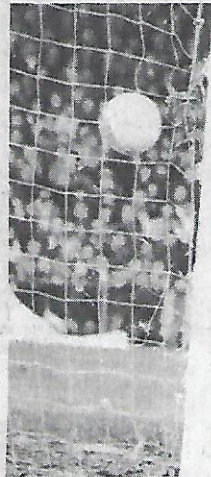


Jim Hermiston (second from right), who joined Brisbane Lions from Brisbane City this year, fails to prevent a shot by Mike Micevski who joined Fitzroy from Marconi.

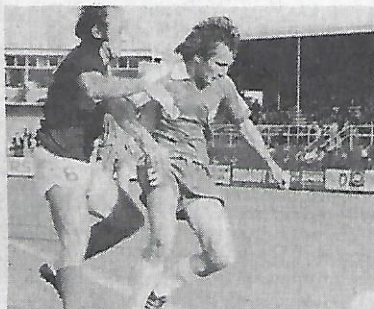
1978 IN PICTURES



Canberra City's skipper Roy Starke accepts the Prime Minister's Cup, the new annual competition between Newcastle KB and Canberra City, from the Member of Parliament for Canberra, Mr John Haslem at the Bruce Stadium. Canberra City beat Newcastle KB 2-0, with both goals coming from Terry Byrne. Canberra retains the trophy until pre-season 1979 when the Cup will be contested on a home and away basis.



Branko Buljevic heads goal no. 3 past Jack Reilly in Fitzroy's 4-1 victory over South Melbourne at Olympic Park in their second league match this year. In the background at right is Stuart Baxter of South Melbourne.



Footscray beat St George at Middle Park during the Saints' poor early-season spell. Here Mirko Rujevic (left) of Footscray tangles with George Harris.



Hakoah-East's kept the pressure on West Adelaide right to the end of the PSL championship. In the second-last game, Hakoah beat St George 4-2, with Terry Smith (left) scoring two of the goals.



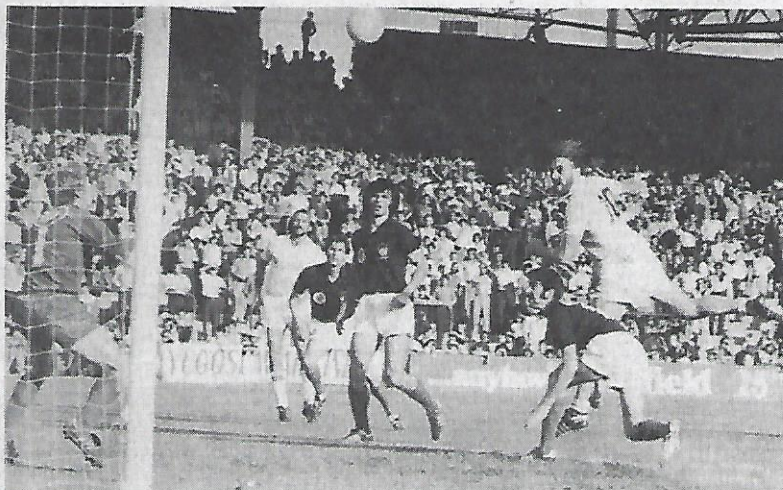
Newcastle United goalkeeper Phil Dando foils Dundee striker Bill Pirie (left). Newcastle beat Dundee 2-1 and Pirie went on to play guest games with Sydney Olympic, as he did last year.



Craig Johnston (right), the young Middlesbrough midfielder, in one of his guest games for Newcastle, against Canberra. At left is John Brown.



Millions of joyous Argentinians stage a fiesta through the streets of Buenos Aires to celebrate their team's triumph in the World Cup.



Peter Ollerton heads home the second goal in South Melbourne's 2-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. in front of 8250 people at Olympic Park. Ollerton transferred to Marconi later in the season. Other players pictured, from left: Mike O'Hara, Billy Rogers, Igor Hazabent, Jim Kondarios, Andrija Ristic.

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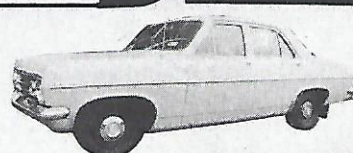
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Melbourne's player of the year

This is Zdravko Lujic of Footscray J.U.S.T. the Victorian player of the year according to ratings in the Yugoslav Airlines Soccer Action award. Lujic is one of the men in the running for the Australian player of the year trophy to be presented at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney tomorrow (Thursday). Lujic who played for Novi Sad in Yugoslavia before joining J.U.S.T. this year, came fourth in the National J.A.T. award with rating of 7.65. Ken Boden of Newcastle, Steve Perry of Brisbane City and Neil McGachey of West Adelaide, filled the first three placings. Picture by Sam Belfonte.

ZIKA NIKOLIC

Frank Micic, iako je obasio kopacke o klin, nije jos rekao poslednju rec u nogometu. To je najbolje osetila Makedonija, koju je Hakoh ubedljivo pobedio sa 4:1. Pitanje sampiona Viktorije po svojoj prilici resice izmedju sebe Hakoh i Essendon/Croatia. GEORGE Dross ce morati da odlozi svoj plan da ove godine izjednači rekord, koji je postigao J.U.S.T. u Kupu četvorce. Medjutim, iznenađenje nije nemoguće, jer je J.U.S.T. tri puta uzastopce postao sampion iako je izgubio prvu utakmicu. Taj podvig mogu lako da ponove i George Cross i Makedonija.

"PLAVI" SE ODHARAJU

Mesec oktobar je dusu dao za nogomet. Medjutim, Klubovi Nacionalne lige nalaze se na prinudnom odmore. Čak ni najboljniji turnir nisu mogli da organizuju u Melbourne, sto je dobro došlo klubovima državne lige Viktorije i saveza da poprave svoje finansije. Ovo narocito vazi za Hakoh, koji ce vise dobiti na 3 — 4 utakmice Kupa četvorce nego sto je zaradio u celom prvenstvu.

Neki J.U.S.T.-ovi igrači su jedva dočekali odmor, ali većina nije. Josip Picioane i Mendo Ristovski koriste svaku priliku da odigraju neku utakmicu, pa makar i divlju. Pored toga Mendo Ristovski pomaže klubu i van igralista. On je "četa" svakog utakmicu i četvrtka uveče u Rob Roy Hotelu, gde se igra BINGO (tombola) u korist "plavih", čiju apel polioke ali sigurno dostize postavljenju metu.

Ove srede J.U.S.T. bira svog najboljeg i najpopularnijeg igrača, koji je ce dobiti trofej prof. Rogera Merivica i 1000 dolara, nagradu Riviera i West Footscray Motors, čiji je vlasnik Mike Spencer ili Mihajlo Alijevski, kako se zvao kao junior J.U.S.T.-a pre 8 godina. Pored ovog velikog poklona bice i manji. Kasapnica "Dunav" iz Springvale, koja je bila darzljiva prema J.U.S.T.-u preko cele godine, poklonice jednu suntu igraču koji je inajviše napredovao ove godine.

TURNIR OSAM TIMOVA U GEELONGU

Menadžer drugog tima J.U.S.T.-a, Josip Stjepin, malo je da prepusti organizaciju prvog turnira jugoslovenskih klubova Geelongu, jer ce igraliste J.U.S.T.-a biti nasipano zemljom, preko koje ce se zasadi nova trava.

Ovaj prvi turnir bice probni i u njemu ce uzeti ucesce oni klubovi, koji su zagovarali osnivanje lige. Medjutim, turnir je postao prilika za sve klubove koji zele da ucestvuju na turniru jugoslovenskih klubova u Viktoriji. Ukoliko do silece akcije dodje u ostalim državama Australije, onda be se odrazio Federalni finalni turnir izmedju pobednika državnih turnira.

Turnir u Geelongu pocinje u subotu 21. oktobra. Igraće se subotom i nedeljom po dve utakmice. Igraliste se nalazi u Handy St. Cario (predgrađe Geelonga).

Ucestnici su podeljeni u dve grupe:

"A" grupa — J.U.S.T., Tarax, Pelister/Pascoe Vale, Geelong "A".

"B" grupa — Inter, Geelong "B", Norlane, Springvale.

U subotu 21. oktobra igraju sledeći parovi: Inter—Springvale, Norlane — Geelong "B".

Nedelja, 22. oktobra Pelister — Geelong "A", J.U.S.T. — Tarax.

U nedelju u subotu 28. i 29. oktobra igraju pobednici "A" grupe sa porazanim "B" grupe i obratno.

Finalne utakmice se igraju 11. i 12. novembra, tako da ce se dobiti raspored od prvog do osmog mesta.

Ime trofeja i visina novčane nagrade bice objavljene naknadno. Posto mora biti pobednika na svakoj utakmici, necu se igrati produktat vec se izvoditi jedanaesteri. Svaki tim treba da nosi dva para dresova, jer ce kocke odlicivati ko mora promeniti boju.

IZLET U LILYDALE

U nedelju 15. oktobra sastaju se drugi tim J.U.S.T.-a i Springvale na izletu u Lilydale, koji organizuje društvo "Bosna i Hercegovina" u korist J.U.S.T.-ovog apela. Utakmica pocinje u 1 sat po podne, a posle toga nastaju društvene igre i narodno veselje do mraka. Drugi tim "plavih" ce pojacati nekoliko protivnika, koji ce igrati po jedno poluvreme.

ZABAVA U KORIST "PLAVIH"

Apel, koji je uputio svojim navijačima i prijateljima specijalni odbor J.U.S.T.-a, uzima sve vise maha. Pored pojednaca i razna druze zele da pomognu "plavima" u naporima da stvore sampioni i tim u idućoj sezoni. Omogorsko društvo "Nepos", koje održava popularne i dobro posetene zabave, priredjuje u subotu 14. oktobra specijalnu igranku sa večernjim bogatim lutrijom u korist J.U.S.T.-a. Nije ostalo mnogo mesta, pa se zato treba postarati na vreme za ulaznice, koje kostaaju svaka 4 dolara a vecera 3 dolara.

Coach of juniors: an enlightened approach

I have come across one of the finest articles yet written on the rights and wrongs of junior soccer.

It is by Stuart G. Robbins, an Associate Professor at York University, and it was published in the Canadian paper, the "Sport Ontario News."

We reprint it here in full, and I strongly urge everyone involved in junior soccer to read it carefully. I am sure it will open your eyes.

It is very obvious when we look at an eight-year-old and an adult that they are different. We can observe differences in size, body proportions, strength, endurance and intellectual functioning.

Children at one time were treated like miniature adults, but in the last century we have come to recognize childhood, and the individual differences between children, as an acceptable phase of life.

However, when we look at children in sports, it is surprising how we, like the Victorians, seem to ignore the most obvious evidence.

Unfortunately, the trap is easy to fall into. Children look cute when they dress up. The page boy at a wedding looks cute dressed in a suit and is the centre of many photographs.

In the same way, the six-year-old soccer player dressed in full equipment, hardly able to move, is looked at warmly by admiring relatives. We have become blinded to the real needs of the child.

Sport psychologist Terry Orlock, after studying kids' sports and games for six years, has pointed out so clearly that most Canadian kids drop out of organized sports by the age of 15. The number may be as high as 80 or 90 per cent.

It is my contention that our first step in motivating children in sports must be to modify the games as played by the pros to meet the specific needs of those children.

I will use as an example, to illustrate my point, some of the research that has been carried out in soccer.

Researchers, using body size norm charts for various ages and the mature adult, concluded that the eight-year-old should be playing on a field 60 yards by 40 yards, with goals six feet high and six yards wide, and should use a size 3 soccer ball.

As Ken Aston, a world-famous referee and an elementary school principal, has said, "If an adult can kick the ball from a corner kick to the centre of the goal, the field should be adjusted so that a child can do the same thing."

When we think about it, how can we expect a young child to head a ball that is twice the size of his head and seems to weigh a ton and be travelling at 90 miles an hour? Only the foolhardy would head the ball in this situation.

Ike McKay, a member of the Canadian national soccer team, compared the number of touches, ball possession time and distance travelled with children playing 11-a-side soccer on a regulation field and children playing 8-a-side soccer on a modified field.

Those children in the modified situation touched the ball significantly more times and were in possession of the ball for a significantly greater period of time.

In order for sports to be meaningful, there must be some uncertainty as to the results. If one team is constantly being beaten, the tendency is to quit. It is only peer pressure or fear of being called a failure that keeps them playing.

If a team is constantly winning, there is little point in competing other than to humiliate opponents.

Children, when left on their own, tend to balance teams. Often if one team starts to win by a large margin they will adjust the teams, thus maintaining uncertainty and arousal. Adults, on the other hand, attempt to stack teams and recruit players in order to develop a winner.

If we want young people to stay involved in sports, we must ensure that they compete at their own level of ability and that there is uncertainty as to the result. In this way they will constantly strive to do better.

5) In today's age we tend to try to motivate children with extrinsic rewards rather than by causing the activity itself is fun and satisfying. If you look at the budget of almost any minor sports group, you will find that the largest proportion of money is spent on trophies and awards. We seem to have trophies for everything. I know a girl who has 65 trophies in her basement and she quit soccer at 12 years of age.

There are numerous references to teams bribing players with bicycles, team jackets, track suits, stereos for mum and trips to exotic parts of the globe. Many children are given a dollar per

ficiently greater period of time than those playing the regular game.

There was no significant difference between the groups in the distance travelled. If we want children to improve their skill, it is important that they touch the ball as many times as possible.

Rules should be meaningful to the child's level of understanding. The throw-in in soccer must be most bewildering to the six-year-old who has been told never to use the hands.

Many adults do not understand the offside rule, and yet we insist on using it in six-year-olds' games.

Rules have evolved to ensure fair play for adults, and make sense in this situation. We should adapt these rules for children.

Research shows that by placing children in situations which are too complex and before they are ready for them, they tend to regress to immature patterns. In this way the potential development of the player will be limited.

We have all seen the youngsters with tremendous potential who never seem to get any better. It is time to redesign sports, redirect emphasis, redefine success — rewards, realign research efforts, and I offer the following guidelines for a more positive approach to motivating children in sports.

1) We must look at the needs and characteristics of children and modify the playing areas, equipment, rules and structures of our own particular game or sport.

2) There is a need to ensure that the objectives of the child, coach and parents are the same. So often the coach becomes involved, often without realizing it, in producing a winner. Parents obtain vicarious pleasure from their child's play. They start to see gold medals or professional status for their child, and spend hours reviewing the game or contest. Meanwhile, the child is playing for fun and the social interaction with his friends.

It is then little wonder that tensions develop, since those involved have different objectives. In order to make sport a pleasurable experience, we must attempt to match the objectives of adults with those of the children.

3) I think we are tied up in the "develop a winner syndrome." Coaches become obsessed with developing a winner or a winning team at a young age, rather than teaching the child the fundamentals of the game.

Often tactics that enable a team to win at a young age are not conducive to learning the finer points of the game.

We tend to put too much pressure on a young player or performer, so that they become reticent to explore and experiment with new skills or tactics and merely resort to those skills or tactics that have worked before.

Great athletes have the confidence to explore, experiment and create and give to the game or sport flair and individuality. We are in danger of eliminating this essential characteristic.

4) Fourth, and associated with the previous point, is the subtle difference in playing to win and playing to defeat someone else. Today, as I observe many contests and competitions, I feel we are playing to defeat, to humiliate the opposition.

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A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN



Richmond (Vic) has had great success co-operating with local schools to field junior teams.

Richmond's under 16s, consisting mainly of pupils from Richmond High and Technical schools, have won three championships and one Cup in four years.

The club's under 13B team (pictured) is made up of boys from Cremorne State School in Richmond.

Richmond looks to local schools

As the photo shows, they are not short of players.

The under 13s have talent. They missed a few matches at the start of the season but still managed to finish in fifth place.

Standing from left: B. Grivas (manager), N. Adamopoulos, F. Rodriguez, P. Doulis, G. Kourkoulis, A. Goullias, S. Mantzaridis, S. Kourkoulis, S. Tattos, C. Picolo; (coach), S. Pandoelis (assistant-coach), Front row: J. Doulis, J. Kolnakis, N. Goullias, E. Pashalakis, C. Goullias, N. Goullias, J. Sioras, C. Vakalopoulos, T. Paolono.



These are the under 13 boys of Tasmanian champion club White Eagles, who form the basis of the club's future.

The boys were organised into a team earlier this year by Peter Czerwicz whose son Adam plays for them. Coach is T. Adamczyk.

The picture shows, back row from left: A. Czerwicz, J. Niarasz, G. Angel, A. Freund, Z. Bidzowski, P. Syp, J. Ziemba, B. Klimke, R. Leszczynski, W. Niekars, G. Crawford, R. Kowaluk, S. Jones, M. Krzysica, Z. Syp, P. Parker.

Second title



Sunshine Heights under 10 team has won its second championship in a row.

The boys came second as under 8s in 1976 and won the league as under 9s last year.

The picture shows, from left, back row: T. Giantar (manager), T. Eley, D. Caruana, J. Grillo, J. Scerri, D. Smith (coach), F. Muscat, R. Dragovic, J. Magro. Front row: G. Donald, P. DeBono, D. Smith, M. Salbia, A. Galea, A. Zulli, G. Smith (team mascot), L. Krol. Absent: V. Sammut.



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Peter Sharp, 10, of Brighton under 12s, is given some goalkeeping practice at a recent Australian Soccer Camps coaching session. Instructor is Bobby McLachlan, Victorian coaching director for Australian Coaching Camps.

goal, and yet we are trying to develop team play.

Often players are given a Coke, sundae or hamburger when they win. What is the difference in principle between a Coke, a sundae, a bike or \$1000? In fact, it is only in degree.

After a 12-year-old has won a hundred trophies, a national championship and been to other parts of the world, what is left to be achieved?

There is only one direction to go. We must encourage children to enjoy the sport for itself and for the pleasure of playing.

6) We should look at some of the psychological research on motivation. If a person is skillful, the noise of the crowd motivates that person to improved performance.

If however, the person is not very skillful or is learning a skill, crowd noise has a detrimental effect on performance.

The person gets "up-tight" and makes further mistakes. Obviously this is not possible or desirable, but what we might do is try to educate parents to the psychological effects on a child.

7) As we look at much of the psychological research on motivation, we find that praise, in the long term, is more effective than criticism. Negative criticism and punishment indeed work, but only

for a short time. Yet, teachers and coaches almost inevitably use negative reinforcement: "No, don't do it that way!" Yelling and screaming becomes the norm.

I am not saying that we should not correct performance, for without it improvement will not take place, but rather that we can correct in a positive, constructive way.

8) In team sports we are in danger of stressing one or two players; in fact, a team is as strong as its weakest link. Everyone must learn to play their own job and maximise their strengths and minimise their weaknesses on behalf of the team.

At a young age we must play everyone as much as possible. In the key game it is often not the star of the team who wins the game, but rather one of the weaker players coming up with a big performance.

We pick a player, we owe it to that player to at least give him reasonable playing time.

9) We tend to turn children off and limit their development by over-specialisation. We make children of six choose between soccer or baseball or between hockey or basketball. This is the age when the child should be developing all the basic skills which can be built on later.

There is little evidence that specialisation produces better adult champions.

In track and field, how many athletes who held age group records at the age of 12 or 13

have competed internationally as adults?

We also tend to develop specialists in one position. We make a player a defender or midfielder at the age of eight, and often he stays that way for life. By playing many positions or swimming many strokes at a young age, the experience of the athlete is enriched, and he may become a better performer eventually because of it.

10) Finally, we need to motivate children by focusing on individual improvement, rather than set individual and team short-term objectives.

This is easy in individual events in which a score can be improved, or a time or distance bettered, but is more difficult in a team sport.

We could set objectives such as: "This period we are going to get ten shots on goal." We are going to try to limit the opponents to five shots on goal." "Johnny, you are going to try to beat your opponent to the ball more times than he beats you."

In this way, children will work to improve their performance and through success will become more motivated to work on further improvement.

I see "kids' sports" to be in a time of challenge. Sport has so much to offer to the development of a child, and yet we seem to be turning them off. There are many exciting programs going on. It is a sobering thought that their futures, their lives, are in our hands.

JACEK GMOCH QUILTS POLAND

WARSAW, — Jacek Gmoch, Poland's national manager during the World Cup in Argentina last June, has quit.



Juanito

Gmoch, 39, did not say whether he had resigned or been sacked. Poland reached the last eight during the World Cup, but there was disappointment that the team failed to match its 1974 performance when Poland finished third behind West Germany and Holland. The Polish press criticised the team for dull, unimaginative play. Gmoch, a former Legia Warsaw and Polish International, took over the national side in August 1976.

Koreans pose a big threat

South Korea has won two major international tournaments recently, which indicates it will be a strong opponent for Australia in the 1981 World Cup qualifying series.

South Korea won a tournament organised by the Saudi Arabia Football Federation at Riyadh. Other participants were Kenya, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Results were: Saudi Arabia 6 Pakistan 2, South Korea 2 Kenya 2, Saudi Arabia 2 Kenya 0, South Korea 5 Pakistan 0, Kenya 8 Pakistan 0, Saudi Arabia 0 South Korea 2.

Korea also won the eight-nation Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Final standings were:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Korea Rep.	8	0	0	20	18		
2. Iraq	8	5	1	12	18		
3. Malaysia	7	5	0	2	28	18	
4. Thailand	7	3	0	4	8	12	6
5. Japan	7	2	1	4	10	14	5
6. Singapore	7	2	1	4	7	15	5
7. Indonesia	7	2	1	4	31	5	
8. Syria	8	0	0	7	12	8	

Results: Malaysia v. Korea Rep. 1:3, Syria v. Indonesia 0:1, Iraq v. Japan 0:0, Korea Rep. v. Thailand 3:0, Malaysia v. Singapore 6:0, Japan v. Indonesia 1:2, Iraq v. Syria 2:1, Korea Rep. v. Singapore 2:0, Malaysia v. Thailand 2:0, Iraq v. Indonesia 4:0, Thailand v. Singapore 2:1, Korea Rep. v. Japan 4:0, Malaysia v. Indonesia 1:0, Syria v. Thailand 1:3, Iraq v. Singapore 3:0, Malaysia v. Japan 4:1, Thailand v. Indonesia 3:0, Korea Rep. v. Iraq 2:0, Singapore v. Japan 2:1, Malaysia v. Thailand 1:0, Iraq v. Syria 4:1, Singapore v. Syria 4:1, Korea Rep. v. Indonesia 2:0.

Saudis snap up Tunisian stars

by Abdelwahab Derouiche, "L' Action", Tunis

The excellent performances of the Tunisian national team players at the 1978 FIFA World Cup in Argentina gained them the admiration of ob-

servers all over the world ... particularly that of the Saudi Arabian recruiters. They did not hesitate to offer an escape route to all the Tunisian internationals.

It was not, therefore, with great astonishment that the Tunisian authorities learned that eleven of their best players were going to choose Saudi clubs.

The loss is terrible. The players, anxious to improve further their soccer skills, have naturally accepted these fabulous offers.

Everything was settled very quickly. Like the Argentinians, the Tunisians — surprise of the 1978 World Cup — have had to pay the price of their glory and have seized the one opportunity of their life to make a fortune.

This is the list of players who have emigrated this year to Saudi Arabia: With Aliy Jeddah: Tarek (ex EST); with Ithih Jeddah: Gornidh and Khovini (both ex CA); with Hillal Riyadh: Limam (ex N.S.T.) and Kaabi (ex COT); with Nasser: Dhouleb and Agrebi (both ex CSS) and P. Ben Azize (ex ESS); with N. Riyadh: Akid (ex CSS) and Ouada (ex TSK); with Ouahda: Chakroun (ex SRJ).

Pavic moves Yugoslav coach Misa Pavic has left French First Division club Rouen FC to join Sporting Lisbon of Portugal.

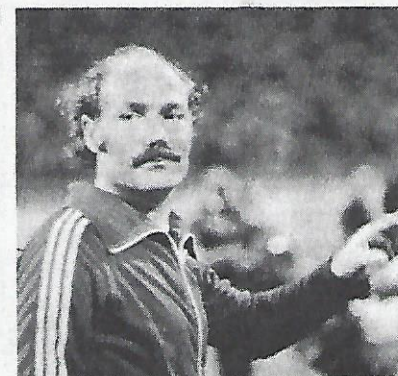


Jock Stein celebrates Celtic's victory over Red Star in the final of the international tournament in Melbourne last year.

Stein takes on Scotland job

Jock Stein has quit Leeds United to succeed Ally MacLeod as manager of Scotland.

Manny Cusins, the Leeds chairman, said: "I am heartbroken." Leeds had signed Stein from Glasgow Celtic for the start of the current season. Scotland's previous manager, MacLeod, resigned after his team's disappointing performance in the World Cup finals in Argentina. Stein, 55, took the Scotland job partly because his wife was not keen to move to Leeds.



Frans van Balkom quits Hong Kong

Former Ringwood Wilhelmina (Vic) player Frans van Balkom (Pictured) has quit his job as national coach of Hong Kong.

van Balkom, who led Hong Kong in World Cup qualifying games against Australia last year, has taken up a coaching job with a club in Iran.

van Balkom, born in the Netherlands, got his coaching qualifications in the Federal Republic of Germany, where he also held several appointments, before going on to Australia and Japan and then to Hong Kong.

Under his guidance, the national team had several successes although they also met with frustration and poor results at times. van Balkom not only trained the national team but also the "B" and youth teams.

One of the major tasks undertaken by van Balkom was the organisation of coaching courses to produce coaches of various levels. During his stay in Hong Kong, he conducted 2 FA coaching courses of 120 hours duration each, one preliminary coaching course of 50 hours duration, three PE teachers coaching courses, each of 40 hours duration, and one coaches refresher course running for 20 hours.

These courses together produced over 200 coaches of various levels and have greatly increased coaching manpower, helping Hong Kong in the development of the game.

USSR 2-0

MOSCOW, — The Soviet Union beat Turkey 2-0 in a friendly international in Ankara. Scorers were Vladimir Gutsayev (37th minute) and Oleg Blokhin (41st).



Henry Kissinger (right) with his former boss, Richard Nixon.

Henry Kissinger boss of NASL

NEW YORK, Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has been named board chairman of the North American Soccer League.

The league said Dr Kissinger would serve as an adviser on league matters affecting soccer in the United States and Canada, especially on the development of viable programs for U.S. and Canadian national teams.

Dr Kissinger, who also has purchased an option to buy a franchise in the NASL, will serve without pay, the league said. Dr Kissinger is a native of Germany and an avid soccer fan.

GREEK SCENE

'Εν αναμονή άποφάσεως από την 'Επιτροπή 'Ενστάσεων της ΟΥΕΦΑ, για τον άγωνα της Σόφιας, ο 'Ολυμπιακός επιβεβαίωσε την έπισκεψή του στην Αυστραλία προκειμένου ναός της Χέλλας Μελούρνης για τρεις άγώνες στην Αυστραλία.

'Οποιοδήποτε και αν είναι η άπάντηση της 'Επιτροπής της ΟΥΕΦΑ, δεν θα επηρεάσει την έπισκεψη για το βασικό λόγο ότι.

'Εστω και αν δικαιωθεί ο 'Ολυμπιακός για το σκόρπα γεγονότα της Σόφιας, τραυματισμός 'Αρβανίτη, ζυλοδαρμός Βελανδρινόβιτς ο έπαναληπτικός άγώνας, θα γίνει πριν τις 18 'Οκτωβρίου, ήμερομηνία διεξαγωγής των πρώτων αγώνων των Κυπέλλων Εύρώπης. 'Ακόμα δε και αν κερδίσει τον πρώτο άγωνα του Β' γύρου έναντι των της Μιλαν ή ρεβόνς από Μιλάν θα διεξαχθεί την 1η Νοεμβρίου. 'Αποκλείεται έπομένως κάθε χρονική σύμπτωση.

Στην άπάντησή της η Πειραιώτικη ομάδα πρότεινε νέες ήμερομηνίες άγώνων ως ακόλουθες: Μελ βούρνη έναντιον Χέλλας 26 Νοεμβρίου, 'Αδελείδα έναντιον της τομικής μικτής 29 Νοεμβρίου και Σόφνης έναντιον της μικτής N.S.W. στις 2 Δεκεμβρίου.

Οι ήμερομηνίες έγιναν άποδεκτές από την κυανόλευκο που θα τις υποβάλει στην έπιτροπή διοργανώσεων της A.S.F. για έγκριση.

'Οπως δε μάς διαβεβαίωσε ο Πρόεδρος της 'Επιτροπής 'Ε. Μάιλ Γουέιν, στέιν είναι σίγουρο ότι θα έγκριθούν δεδομένου ότι δεν συγκρούονται με καμιά έπισημη διοργάνωση της A.S.F. ή των τοπικών ήμοσπονδιών.

'Η άλλαγή των ήμερομηνιών έπληρωσε το ταξίδι του προπονητού της Χέλλας κ. Νταϊνίν Μακλάρεν στην 'Αγγλία. 'Ο κ. Μακλάρεν θα άναχωρήσει την έπομένη Πέμπτη και θα έπιστρέψει πρό του τέλους 'Οκτωβρίου για να άρχισι την προετοιμασία για τον άγωνα.

Στο πρόγραμμα προετοιμασίας περιλαμβάνονται και δύο φιλικοί άγώνες έναντιον ομάδων Στέπλ Λήγκ.

Στις 12 Νοεμβρίου έναντιον της Πρέστον και στις 19 Νοεμβρίου έναντιον της πρωταθλήτριας Βικτωρίας, Κρόατια

'Ο Νταϊνίν Μακλάρεν έπανέλαβε την άποψη του να άντικαταστήσει τους άπόντες Μαυρό, Κάμπελλ και Νάττον με τρεις ποδοσφαιριστές άλλων ομάδων του Αυστραλιανού πρωταθλήματος.

'Εστών άγωνα αυτό θα άπεροπώσουμε το γόντρο της Χέλλας, έδλωσε. Θα άντιμετωπίσουμε τον 'Ολυμπιακό ίσο προς ίσον, χωρίς προκαταλήψεις από την Ιστορία του και την ήμην του στόν έλληνικό Εύρωπαϊκό χώρο.

'Εξ άλλου έχουμε ύποχρέωση να έκπροσωπήσουμε με ίκανοποιήτικα και τις χιλιάδες των 'Ελλήνων φιλάθλων μας.

Τέλος ο Μακλάρεν άποκάλυψε και το ένδεκάμενο χρησιμοποίησους του λάδιον ενός εκ των ποδοσφαιριστών την άποκτηση των οποίων άν κερπίσει κατά την άγωνα. Πολύ θα ήθελε να πάρει τον Σοβιετ Ένιον 2-1 (half-time 1-1) in an under-21 international at Zamco, south east Poland.

Το συνολικό κόστος, για ελπίσους και διαμονή στις έξι μέρες, άποστολής από πρόκειρο ύπολογισμό, πιστεύεται, ότι θα κυμαίνεται μεταξύ 70 και 80 χιλιάδων δολαρίων.

'Εν τώ μεταξύ προέκυψε γάνα του 'Ολυμπιακού στή Μελούρνη.

'Αντί του Μίντλ Πάρκ ο άγώνας άπεραστίσκει να γίνει τελικά στο 'Ολύμπικ Πάρκ.

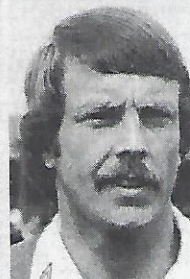
'Οπως έδλωσε στην έφημερίδα μας ο διεθυντής του 'Ολύμπικ Πάρκ Φόνακ Γουάτ είναι άδύνατο να διατεθεί το γήπεδο για Κυριακάτικο άγωνα κατά τον Νοέμβριο διότι θα άρχίσουν οι άγώνες κλασσικού άθλητισμού την περίοδο αυτή και το γήπεδο θα είναι κατελημμένο. 'Ο κ. Γουάτ ειπε ότι προσπαθώ να άναβάλλει τους άγώνες άθλητισμού αλλά δεν τό κα τάφερε.

Επομένως η Χέλλας ύποκροείται να μεταφέρει την ήμερομηνία για ήμερα πριν, να γίνει δηλαδή ο άγώνας Σάββατο βράδυ.

Τόν άγωνα, Χέλλας — 'Ολυμπιακού στή Μελούρνη θα παρακολουθήσει και ο πρωθυπουργός Αυστραλίας Μάλκολμ Φρέζερ.

Τόν πρωθυπουργό ένημέρωσε για τόν άγωνα ο πρόεδρος της VSF κ. Θ. Μαρζας.

'Ο άγέτης της Αύστραλίας άέκτικε το νέο με έμβουσιασμό και έήπιασ από τόν κ. Μαρζας την ήμερομηνία του άγώνος για να παρσεί.



These are two of the stars of the Northern Ireland team which is playing against Denmark, England, Bulgaria and the Irish Republic in Group One of the European championship.

Top is Allan Hunter, who plays at club level for Ipswich Town in England. He was a member of the team that beat Arsenal to win the 1978 FA Cup.

Above is Gerry Armstrong of Tottenham Hotspur. He played centre back and full back in Spurs' promotion winning team last season.

Ivic back to Split

Tomislav Ivic, former coach of Ajax Amsterdam, has signed a five-year contract with his old club, Hajduk Split. Ivic is the most successful coach in the history of Hajduk. It is the third time he has returned to the club.

He turned down an offer from Anderlecht to return to Split.

Pavic moves Yugoslav coach Misa Pavic has left French First Division club Rouen FC to join Sporting Lisbon of Portugal.

